

PANCHANGAM
Tithi
 Krishna Paksha Amavasya
 Upto : Dec 20 07:13 AM
 Sukla Paksha Padyami
 Upto : Dec 21 09:11 AM
Nakshatra
 Moola
 Dec 19 10:51 PM -
 Dec 21 01:21 AM
Rahukalam
 9:29 AM - 10:51 AM
Yamagandam
 1:35 PM - 2:58 PM
Gulika
 6:45 AM - 8:07 AM
Dur Muhurat
 08:12 AM - 08:56 AM
Varjyam
 07:41 AM - 09:27 AM,
 11:35 PM - 01:21 AM

WEATHER
Forecast : Mostly sunny
Temperature : 27° / 14°
Humidity : 32 %
Sunrise : 6:45 AM
Sunset : 5:42 PM

PSCs to prioritise integrity in recruitment : President Droupadi Murmu

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated the National Conference for the Chairpersons of Public Service Commissions, being organised by the Telangana Public Service Commission, at Hyderabad, Telangana today (December 19, 2025).
 Speaking on the occasion, the President said that our Constitution makers dedicated an entire part of the Constitution to Services and Public Service Commissions. This highlights the significance they attached to the roles and functions of the Public Service Commissions for the Union and for the States.

The President said that our Constitutional ideals of social, economic and political justice, and equality of status and of opportunity are most pertinent to the functioning of



the Public Service Commissions. The Preamble of the Constitution, the Fundamental Right of equality of opportunity in matters of public employment and the Directive Principle guiding the State to secure a social order for the promotion of welfare of the people indicate the pathways for the Public Service Commissions. The Public Service Commissions should not only be guided by the ideal of equality of opportunity but should also try to achieve the goal of equality of outcomes. The Commissions are change-agents which promote equality and equity. The President said that impartiality, continuity and stability are imparted to the process of governance by what is called the 'permanent executive' or the body of public servants selected by the Public



Service Commissions. Integrity, sensitivity and competence of the civil servants constituting the permanent executive are of utmost importance for implementing the people-oriented policies at national and state levels. She stated that Public Service Commissions should give highest priority to the aspect of honesty and integrity of the candidates they recruit. Honesty and integrity are

paramount as well as non-negotiable. She underlined that lack of skills and competencies can be dealt with through learning interventions and several other strategies. But lack of integrity may cause grave challenges which may be impossible to overcome.

The President said that young people seeking employment as civil servants should have the inclination to

work for the marginalised and the vulnerable. Our civil servants should be particularly sensitive to the needs and aspirations of women. Gender-sensitisation should be given high priority by Public Service Commissions.

The President said that India, as the world's fastest growing major economy and also a nation marked by enormous diversity, needs most effective governance systems at all levels. The country is aiming to be the third largest economy in the world in the near future. We are also moving towards achieving the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. She expressed confidence that the Public Service Commissions will continue to fulfil their responsibilities and contribute towards building a future-ready team of civil servants selected and guided by them.

Koil Alwar Thirumanjanam at Tirumala on Dec 23; VIP Break Darshan Cancelled

(Capital Information)

Tirumala : In view of the upcoming Vaikunta Dwara Darshanam (Dec 30 to Jan 8), the traditional temple cleansing ritual, Koil Alwar Thirumanjanam, will be performed at the Lord Venkateswara temple on December 23 (Tuesday).

The ritual will take place from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM, leading to the cancellation of the Ashtadala Pada Padmaradhana seva. Consequently, TTD has cancelled VIP Break Darshans on Dec 23, except for protocol dignitaries.

No recommendation letters for darshan will be accepted on December 22. Devotees are requested to take note of these changes and cooperate with the administration.

Minister Tummala Reviews Khammam Development Projects, Sets Clear Timelines

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau : State Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation and Handlooms & Textiles Tummala Nageswara Rao reviewed the progress of major development works in Khammam district and directed officials to complete all projects as per schedule with strict quality standards. The review meeting was held at the Collectorate in the presence of District Collector Anudeep Durishetty.

The Minister assessed works related to the Khilla Ropeway, Cable Bridge, Young India Integrated Gurukul Schools, Medical College,



Munneru River Retaining Wall, Integrated Market, Cricket Stadium, Shilparamam, Urban Parks and several irrigation projects. He instructed officials to ensure inter-departmental coordination and regular monitoring to avoid delays, stressing that public projects must deliver long-term value.

Setting timelines, Minister Tummala said the Khilla Rope-

way, currently under progress, should be completed by December 2026, while the Cable Bridge must be opened for public use by June 2026. He also directed that 29 tanks under the Manchukonda Lift Irrigation Scheme be filled by March 2026, and that distributor canal works under the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme be taken up on priority to benefit farmers.

District Collector Anudeep Durishetty assured that all works would be completed on time and with quality checks, including third-party audits for critical projects. He said there was no shortage of funds for key infrastructure such as Young India Integrated Schools and medical facilities. Senior officials, including State Warehousing Corporation Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao, Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy, Khammam Municipal Commissioner Abhishek Agasthya, Sub-Collector Ajay Yadav, DFO Siddharth Vikram Singh and DRO A. Padmasri, attended the review meeting.



Supreme Court Justice offered prayers at Tiruchanur

(Capital Information)

Tiruchanur : Supreme Court Justice Sandeep Mehta visited the Sri Padmavathi Ammavaru Temple in Tiruchanur on Friday. He was accorded a traditional welcome by TTD officials and priests.

Following the darshan and special prayers, TTD JEO V. Veerabrahmam presented the deity's Theertha Prasadam, silk Vastram, and a portrait of the Goddess to the Honorable Judge. Other senior TTD officials including AEO Devarajulu and AVSO Radhakrishna were also present during the visit.

Telangana on a New Path in Just Two Years : Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : Telangana has been set on a clear new path within just two years of the Congress government assuming office under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, said State Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Friday.

Addressing a workshop of District Public Relations Officers (DPROs) at the Media Academy in Nampally, organised jointly by the Information & Public Relations Department and the Media Academy, the Minister said the government had successfully lived up to the trust reposed by the people of Telangana.



"The people voted for change, and that change is visible before their eyes today. Despite inheriting a severe crisis in all sectors, the government has steadily overcome challenges and accelerated development and welfare programmes," he said.

Mr. Ponguleti stated that several welfare schemes were being implemented in line with the vision of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, extending strong support to the poor and vulnerable sections. He said initiatives in agriculture, education, healthcare, housing, fine rice distribution, ration cards and employment generation had made Telangana a model state for the rest of the country.

However, the Minister expressed concern that many good government programmes were not reaching people at the desired level. He emphasised that Public Relations Officers must play a stronger role as a bridge between the (Cont. on Pg 2)

KTR Challenges CM Revanth Reddy: "Resign and Seek Re-election if You Truly Have 66% Public Support" "BRS Working President dares CM to make the 10 defected MLAs resign for a fresh mandate Labels defected MLAs as "bats" clinging to power; calls their lies before the Speaker "shameful"

(Capital Information)

Sircilla : BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) today launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, daring him to prove his claims of approval of people in panchayat elections by making the ten defected BRS MLAs resign and seek a fresh mandate. Addressing a victory meeting of newly elected BRS Sarpanches in Sircilla, KTR threw an open challenge to the CM to test his "66% support" claim in the court of the people.

Addressing a gathering, KTR mocked the Chief Minister's contradictory statements made during a recent press conference in Hyderabad. "The CM claimed Congress won 66% in local polls and called it a blessing for his government. Yet, within five minutes, he took a U-turn, stating local polls are fought on local issues and caste, not government performance. Mr. Chief Minister, if you truly believe the people are with you, ac-



cept my challenge: Make those 10 MLAs you 'bought like cattle' resign. Let us go for by-elections. The people will decide who has the real strength and who has the real percentage," KTR thundered.

Shameful Lies Before the Speaker

Taking a dig at the moral bankruptcy of the defected legislators, KTR expressed dismay over the conduct of senior leaders like Kadiyam Srihari and Pocharam Srinivas Reddy. "It is

pathetic to see leaders who served as Ministers and Speakers stooping so low for 'blade-of-grass' positions. They proudly announced joining Congress in front of Rahul Gandhi, yet shamelessly lie before the Speaker claiming they are still with BRS. Clinging to power like bats, their political credibility is completely ruined," he remarked. KTR further lamented that even the Speaker's office is being pressured by the CM to ignore concrete evidence and shield the defectors.

Public Rebuff to Congress's "Betrayal"

KTR asserted that the Panchayat election results are a clear lesson against the Congress for deceiving farmers, women, and the BC communities. Despite the Congress gov-

ernment allegedly using the police and official machinery to intimidate the opposition, KTR highlighted that the BRS won 80 out of 117 Panchayats in Sircilla. "Even with Ministers and the CM touring districts, the people have made it clear: they want KCR's leadership for the welfare of villages. The Pink Flag is flying high because the public trusts our vision over Congress's conspiracies," he stated.

Urging the party rank and file to remain steadfast, KTR assured that the BRS would provide full support to any worker facing threats or harassment. He announced that a massive membership drive and the formation of new village, mandal, and district committees would commence in the coming year, blending the experience of seniors with the energy of the youth. He called upon the cadre to maintain the same momentum for the upcoming ZP and Mandal Parishad elections to ensure a clean sweep.

RBI and the banks have taken a number of steps to reduce digital frauds : RBI Governor

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS has called for a paradigm shift to effectively counter the growing menace of cybercrimes and financial frauds. In courtesy meeting with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor and Deputy Governor Swaminathan at the RBI Hyderabad Regional office on Friday, December 19, 2025, Mr. Sajjanar, IPS highlighted the role of RBI in protecting the hard-earned

savings of the common man. Terming 'mule accounts' as the 'oxygen' sustaining cybercriminals, the Commissioner urged the RBI to implement mule hunter tool in banks. He apprised the Governor of the modus operandi where fraudsters lure innocent students and daily wage labourers with commissions ranging from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000 to open bank accounts. "Funds siphoned off from victims are diverted through these accounts within



minutes," Mr. Sajjanar noted. To counter this, he proposed establishment of a dedicated 'Centralized Database' to identify and track such mule accounts. He further advocated for strengthening the implementation of KYC norms and better due diligence by bank. Highlighting the procedural delays in investigations, the Commissioner suggested certain steps such as immediate sharing of technical evidence, including standardised bank account statements reflecting the appropriate details, by banks, and

coordinating with central agencies. RBI governor mentioned that both RBI and the banks have taken a number of steps to reduce digital frauds. They will continue to further strengthen the payment ecosystem. He also expressed a positive outlook and assured that suitable measures will be taken to address the issues raised. Additional Commissioner of Police (Crimes) M. Srinivasulu, DCP (CCS) Shweta, and DCP (Cyber Crimes) Aravind Babu were part of the delegation.

Telangana to Be Made India's Most Film-Friendly State : Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : State Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said the Telangana government is committed to providing full support to the film industry, with a clear objective of making Telangana the most film-friendly State in the country.

The event was attended by Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao as the Guest of Honour. Telangana State Film Development Corporation (FDC) Chairman Dil Raju, FDC Managing Director CH. Priyanka, festival organiser Uma Maheshwar Rao, noted film director Narsing Rao, and several other representatives were present. Speaking at the event, the Minister said Hyderabad has emerged as a major hub for cinema, at-



tracting filmmakers from across the country. While big-budget productions are being made in the city, he noted that short films continue to play a crucial role in discovering and nurturing new talent. "Short films give young filmmakers the freedom to experiment, think creatively and narrate stories in their own style. Many established filmmakers today began their journey with short films," he said. The Minister said that under the leadership of

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the Telangana government is extending complete support to the cinema sector. He emphasised that the government's focus is on creating opportunities for talented youth by providing the right platforms and a supportive ecosystem. Stating that the government is working towards simplifying permissions and improving infrastructure, he said efforts are on to ensure filmmaker-friendly facilities

across the State. "Our aim is to position Telangana as the best destination for filmmakers in India," he added.

The Minister appreciated the participation of filmmakers from the North-Eastern States, describing Hyderabad as a "Mini India" that brings together diverse cultures and stories. He said such festivals help strengthen national integration through cinema.

Addressing filmmakers, he said that every story has value, irrespective of awards. "Even a 15 to 20-minute short film can leave a lasting impact. Young filmmakers should come forward with confidence and tell new stories," he said.

He congratulated the organisers for successfully conducting the festival and extended best wishes to all participants and guests.





Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar Arrives in Hyderabad

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : The Chief Election Commissioner of India, Gyanesh Kumar, arrived in Hyderabad on Friday as part of his three-day visit to Hyderabad and Srisaillam. Upon arrival at Hyderabad Airport at 12.00 noon, the Chief Election Commissioner was received by the Chief Electoral Officer of Telangana, C. Sudarshan Reddy, along with other senior election officials. Later in the evening, Gyanesh Kumar will proceed to Srisaillam, Andhra Pradesh, where he is scheduled to arrive at the Bramarambha Guest House at 6.30 p.m. During his visit, the Chief Election Commissioner will undertake official engagements in Hyderabad, including interactions with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of Telangana at Ravindra Bharathi Auditorium, and visits to prominent heritage and public landmarks. His visit to Srisaillam is purely religious and devotional in nature, with no official or administrative engagements scheduled in Andhra Pradesh. The visit is being coordinated by the Election Commission authorities in consultation with the State and district administration to ensure the smooth conduct of the programme.

Former CJI B. R. Gavai appointed as the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair Professor on Constitutional Law and Social Inclusion

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad has appointed former Chief Justice of India, Justice B. R. Gavai, as the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair Professor on Constitutional Law and Social Inclusion. In this capacity, Justice Gavai will head the activities of the Chair, including research, teaching, and academic initiatives in the areas of constitutional law, access to justice, and social inclusion. To assist in the setting up and effective functioning of the Chair, the University has appointed Dr. Anurag Bhaskar, former Director of the Centre for Research and Planning, Supreme Court of



India, and an academican, as Visiting Adjunct Professor of Law at NALSAR University and Director of the Chair. The University has also appointed Senior Advocate K. Parameshwar as Adjunct Professor, who will be associated with and contribute to the academic, research, and outreach activities of the Chair. The Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chair on Constitutional Law and Social Inclusion has been established with financial support from the Government of Telangana. The University will shortly initiate the activities of the Chair, including the recruitment of a dedicated team of researchers, the launch of thematic research projects, academic programmes, policy-oriented studies, and public engagement initiatives aligned with the Chair's mandate.

ITC MSK, Pratham Provide Livelihood Training to Rural Youths

(Capital Information) Bhadrachalam : ITC Mission Sunehra Kal (MSK) in association with Pratham Education Foundation has been extending support to unemployed rural youths by providing free residential livelihood training in Kotha gudem, Khammam and Mulugu districts. The initiative has so far trained youths in electrician and beautician courses, facilitating employment opportunities for nearly 7,000 youths. During Telangana Jagruthi Chief and MLC K. Kavitha's visit to Bhadrachalam on Friday, MSK Bhadrachalam Cluster Mentor R. Uppal met her and briefed her about the livelihood training programmes being imple-



mented by ITC MSK and Pratham Education Foundation. R. Uppal requested the MLC to encourage rural youths to utilise the training opportunities being offered under the programme. Appreciating the initiative, K. Kavitha lauded ITC Mission Sunehra Kal and Pratham Education Foundation for their efforts in empowering rural youths through skill development and employment support.

Speaker Cites Rs 5,000 BRS Contribution in MLA Defection Case

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : In a significant development in the ongoing MLA defection controversy, Assembly Speaker's order copy has revealed several sensational details, relying heavily on affidavits submitted by the accused legislators. According to the Speaker's order, the MLAs facing allegations of defection have stated during the inquiry that ₹5,000 is being deducted every month from their salaries and contributed to the BRS Legislature Party (LP). The Speaker noted that this fact was clearly mentioned in the affidavits and letters submitted by the MLAs themselves. The order records that MLAs Kadiyam Srihari, Gudem Mahipal Reddy, Kale Yadaiah and Prakash Goud all made a common assertion in their affidavits — that ₹5,000 is cut every month from their Assembly salary by the Secretariat and credited towards the then TRS (now BRS) Legislature Party fund.

The Speaker observed that the legislators had informed him in writing that the amount was being deducted directly from their salaries as a party contribution. The MLAs reportedly argued that when they are regularly contributing to the party fund, it cannot be construed that they had defected from the party. Taking note of these submissions, the Speaker stated in the order that the ₹5,000 was a party contribution and that contributing to the party indicates continued association with it. "When an MLA is contributing financially to the party, it must be considered that he continues to remain with that party," the Speaker concluded, basing the decision on the affidavits filed by the MLAs. The revelations in the Speaker's order have triggered fresh political debate, as the defection issue continues to remain a contentious subject in Telangana politics.



Indian Bank Donates Rs. 37.97 Lakh to TTD

(Capital Information) Tirumala : Indian Bank Field General Manager Pranesh Kumar has donated ₹37,97,508 to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) for enhancing devotee security. On Friday he met TTD Additional EO Venkaiah Chowdhary and handed over the donation in the form of a Demand Draft. According to an official statement, this contribution is specifically intended for the installation of a security luggage scanner at the Alipiri Checkpoint to strengthen safety measures for pilgrims traveling to Tirumala. The handover ceremony was attended by Indian Bank Zonal Manager M. Selvaraj, Deputy Zonal Manager Indira, and Tirumala Branch Manager Raghavendra.



Devotees Donate Rs. 20 Lakh to TTD Trusts

(Capital Information) Tirumala : Two separate donations totaling ₹20 lakh were made to TTD trusts on Friday. Himashriya Danthu from Hyderabad donated ₹10 lakh to the SVIMS Trust, while Flashline EMS Private Limited contributed another ₹10 lakh to the Sri Venkateswara Pranadana Trust. Their representative, Kuppala Nilesh Kumar, met TTD Additional EO Ch. Venkaiah Chowdhary at his camp office in Tirumala and handed over the Demand Drafts for the respective donations.



Grand celebrations mark the conclusion of Jesus Christ's Jubilee

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : The concluding celebrations of the Jesus Christ Jubilee were held grandly at the Mother Mary hill in Mariapuram (Nalgonda Diocese). Following a rally, special prayers were offered in the churches, along with decorations, distribution of gifts, cake cutting, Santa Claus appearances, and joyful celebrations with family members. These events symbolized the birth celebrations of Jesus Christ, celebrated with the theme of 'Unity and Joy,' as a festival of love, compassion, and kindness. Bishop Thomas Kumar, Father Arla Reddy, Father Dhanaraj, Father Kapparu, Father Joseph, Father Jaya Jeevan, Balashouri, and others participated in the program.

Action Plan Sought for Disaster Mock Drill



(Capital Information) Hyderabad / Mahabubnagar : Chief Secretary to the Telangana Government Ramakrishna Rao on Friday directed district administrations to prepare a clear action plan for conducting mock exercises during disasters, stressing the need for coordinated response during floods, industrial accidents and road mishaps. The directions were issued during a video conference from Hyderabad to review the mock exercise scheduled on December 22 under the aegis of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the



Later, District Collector Vijayendra Boi instructed line department officials to prepare a detailed action plan for conducting the mock exercise in accordance with NDMA guidelines and lessons learnt from past experiences. She directed officials to pay special attention to areas along the Krishna river basin, considering their vulnerability during floods. Additional Collectors Shivendra Pratap (Local Bodies) and Madhusudan Naik (Revenue), along with officials from various departments, were present at the meeting. timely public alert systems during floods, safe evacuation of people stranded in inundated areas and the provision of basic amenities in relief camps. He also underlined the importance of keeping medical teams on alert to provide emergency healthcare to the injured. He said departments such as irrigation, electricity, roads and buildings, police, medical and civil supplies must work in close coordination during emergencies, adding that annual mock exercises are being conducted to strengthen preparedness and inter-departmental coordination.

Tirupati SP Warns Citizens of Cyber Frauds During Festive Season

(Capital Information) Tirupati : Tirupati District SP L. Subbarayudu has alerted the public regarding cyber frauds disguised as Christmas and New Year gift offers. He warned that cybercriminals are circulating fake links via WhatsApp, Facebook, and Email, promising attractive gifts to trap unsuspecting citizens. Clicking these suspicious links or downloading unknown APK files can lead to the theft of personal data and total loss of funds from bank accounts. The SP advised people never to share sensitive information like PAN details,



bank account numbers, or OTPs with strangers. In case of any cyber fraud, victims are urged to immediately dial the helpline number 1930 or lodge a complaint at the official cybercrime portal.

Major fire guts plastic godown in Secunderabad

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : A major fire broke out in a plastic items godown at the Monda Market area in Secunderabad on Friday night. No casualties were reported. A short circuit was suspected to have caused the fire, police said. Plastic items and other combustible materials in the warehouse were gutted in the fire. Other shop vendors and local residents, who noticed thick smoke and flames, immediately alerted the fire department and police. Hyderabad city guide Fire personnel rushed to the spot and, with the help of two fire engines, doused the flames. The police are investigating.

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I, HASAD SHAHA S/o CHAND SHAHA (Old Name) Aadhar card Number 2290 6045 3409 hereby Changing my Name and henceforth in future I would be known as ASAD SHAHA S/o CHAND SHAHA (NEW NAME) R/O. D.NO. 5-16/1, Ichoda, Adilabad-504307. Telangana.
ASAD SHAHA
S/O CHAND SHAHA
Place : Ichoda Date : 15/12/2025



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(Cont. from Pg 1) government and the public. Stressing the need to adapt to changing media trends, Mr. Ponguleti advised officials to effectively use print, electronic and digital media in coordination. He also underlined the importance of leveraging rapidly expanding social media platforms to widely publicise government welfare and development initiatives. The Minister directed officials to visit the field, closely observe the successful implementation of schemes and present them to the public through creative and impactful communication. He further instructed the I&PR Commissioner to ensure the appointment of efficient DPROs in every district, cancel deputations from other departments, grant promotions to eligible staff and expedite the entire process. Media Academy Chairman K. Srinivasa Reddy, IDC Chairman Muvva Vijayababu, I&PR Special Commissioner C.H. Priyanka, CM's CPR Officer G. Malsur and other senior officials were present at the programme.



SCR Secunderabad Division organizes a first of its kind Compassionate Ground (CG) Adalat

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway, organized a Compassionate Ground (CG) Adalat on 18th December, 2025 at Hawa Mahal, Sanchalan Bhavan, Secunderabad Divisional Headquarters. The Adalat was a unique initiative taken up with an objective of ensuring expeditious, fair, transparent, and time-bound Compassionate Ground (CG) appointments to the eligible dependents of the deceased employee. The Adalat was held under the able guidance and leadership of

Dr.R.Gopalakrishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division. This initiative is the first of its kind, reflecting a pro-active and humane approach towards addressing the concerns of bereaved families. A total of 49 Compassionate Ground candidates, along with their family members took part in the Adalat. During the proceedings, the Divisional Railway Manager and Additional Divisional Railway Manager/Operations interacted personally, providing immediate relief and reassurance to the concerned families. The CG Adalat brought

all key stakeholders onto a single platform, enabling prompt decision-making while strictly adhering to extant rules and procedures. To ensure holistic grievance redressal, dedicated counters for Settlement, New Pension Scheme and Complimentary Pass matters were established to address any pending issues. In addition, bank officials were also invited to create awareness about the Railway Salary Package, accidental and normal death insurance schemes. The initiative stands out as a pioneering model of

grievance redressal and welfare-oriented governance, setting a benchmark for replication across other Divisions & Zonal Railways. The efforts and coordination of divisional officials and the dedicated team of Welfare Inspectors and Personnel Branch staff played a crucial role in the effective and seamless conduct of the Compassionate Ground Adalat. This initiative reduced procedural delays, strengthened trust between the administration and employees' families, and set a benchmark for grievance redressal and welfare-driven govern-

nance across Indian Railways. Dr.R.Gopalakrishnan expressed gratitude to the higher officials for their guidance and support for the conduct of the Adalat. Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR complimented the Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and his team for taking up this novel initiative to bridge gap between the bereaved family members and the administration. He appreciated the pro-active steps taken up to readdress the issues and providing employment to the eligible family member.



Annprasada program under the auspices of Vasavi Club

(Capital Information)
Sangareddy : On the occasion of Amavasya at the Labor Adda at More Supermarket in Sangareddy, in the morning, under the auspices of Sri Vasavi Club, Amavasya Annadana Samiti, 300 daily wage workers were distributed hot jowar rotis and dal. Vasavi Club members participated in this program.

Congress Protests in Tirupati Against Renaming of MGNREGA

(Capital Information)
Tirupati : The Tirupati City Congress Committee, led by President Gowdaperu Chittibabu, staged a protest in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue near the RTC Bus Stand on Friday, opposing the central gov-

ernment's decision to rename the MGNREGA scheme. Protesters wore black ribbons over their eyes to symbolise the "blind and undemocratic rule" of the BJP government. Chittibabu alleged that the BJP is systematically

trying to erase the names of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar from national schemes. Leaders highlighted that renaming MGNREGA to VB-G RAM-G would cause a massive drain on the exchequer, including an estimated ₹375 crore for reprinting 250 million job cards and ₹200 crore for updating wall paintings across 2.69 lakh Gram Panchayats. PCC General Secretary Tamatam Venkata Narasimhulu and other leaders demanded an immediate withdrawal of the decision and a public apology from the central government.



State Munnuru Kapu Association President accorded a grand felicitation in Kodad

(Capital Information)
Kodad : State President of the Munnuru Kapu Association, Sardar Pootam Purushottam Rao Patel, said that all members of the Munnuru Kapu community should remain united. On Friday, on the occasion of his first visit to Kodad after being recently elected as the state president, local Munnuru Kapu association leaders congratulated him, felicitated him with a shawl, and extended their best wishes. Speaking on the occasion, they called upon all members of the Kapu community to remain united, transcending political affiliations, regardless of which party they belong to. Potta Jagmohan Rao, State Vice President Avula Ramarao, Secretary Induri Tirupati Patel, leaders Paleti Ramarao, former ZPTC Kola Upendar, former MPP Bandla Kotaiah, San-niru Murali, Pora Venkateshwarlu, Kasturi Ramulu, Avula Rangarao, Pasupuleti Narasimha Rao, V. Veeranjanyulu, Potta Kiran, Bhutam Ravi, and others participated in this program.

Row Erupts Over Removal of KCR Image from Mission Bhagiratha Tank in Khammam

(Capital Information)
Khammam : A fresh political controversy has erupted in Khammam town after officials reportedly removed the image of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) from a Mission Bhagiratha water tank, allegedly following directions from the Revanthe Reddy-led Congress government. The move has drawn sharp criticism from Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders and supporters, who termed the action "petty politics" and accused the government of attempting to erase the legacy of KCR. They alleged that such actions reflect intolerance towards symbols associated with the previous regime rather than a focus on governance. BRS leaders pointed out that Mission Bhagiratha, a

flagship drinking water project launched during KCR's tenure, transformed water access across Telangana. "No matter what the government does, it cannot erase KCR from the hearts of Telangana's people," a BRS spokesperson asserted, adding that the Congress government should concentrate on fulfilling its promises instead of indulging in symbolic acts. Meanwhile, Congress leaders defended the government's stance, stating that public infrastructure should not be used to promote individual leaders and must remain politically neutral. The incident has once again highlighted the deep political divide in the state, with Mission Bhagiratha once seen as a unifying development initiative now becoming a flashpoint in the ongoing Congress-BRS rivalry.

“In many villages, people still refer to Mission Bhagiratha water as 'KCR water' because it brought relief from decades of water scarcity,” a party leader said. Critics further argued that removing images or symbols would diminish KCR's place in public memory.



Early warning can prevent loss of life during disasters: State Chief Secretary: Ramakrishna Rao

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda : Early warning can prevent loss of life during disasters, said State Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao. On Friday, CS Ramakrishna Rao, along with officials of the National Disaster Management Authority, held a video conference meeting with the collectors of all the districts of the state from Hyderabad on the management of natural disasters and measures to prevent disasters. He directed the collectors to conduct the disaster management mock exercise successfully on the 22nd of this month. He said that early warning can prevent loss of life and reduce property losses during disasters. He explained that if the situation can be predicted, the losses can be reduced.



He said that information exchange is very crucial during disasters. He clarified that all necessary tools should be used for this. He said that the aim should be to save lives during disasters. He said that about 35 departments should work in coordination during disasters. He said that real-time information on issues like rainfall, water level of projects, water release, condition of bridges and roads should be made available to the public. He said that steps should be taken to ensure that all the people know the information on toll-free numbers of all the services needed by the people in times of emergency. He said that sanitation management and medical services are

very crucial during disasters. He said that NDRF teams will provide support to the SDRF teams in the state. He said that helicopter services can be used in times of emergency if necessary. He said that appropriate measures should be taken to prevent accidents in industries. Later, officials of the National Disaster Management Authority thoroughly reviewed various aspects of disaster prevention measures. In this video conference, District Collector Ila Tripathi and Revenue Additional Collector J.Srinivas, ASP Ramesh, ZP CEO Srinivasa Rao, District Rural Development Officer Sekhar Reddy, Fire Department Officer Sandeep Kumar, officers and staff of various departments, etc. participated.

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Tender No. : GTL-EM-65-2025-26,
Dated : 18-12-2025

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Maintenance / Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No. : GTL-EM-65-2025-26.
Name of the Work : Guntakal Division - Proposed Electrical Repairs to Stations, Service Buildings and Goods Sheds in ADEE/MGTL Sub-division. Approximate Value : Rs.1,29,73,258.54/-.

Closing date and time : 09-01-2026 at 15:00 hours.
 For Bidding the tender and other details, login to <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Corrigendum of tender, if any will be issued online only.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Maintenance, Guntakal.

E-TENDER NOTICE No. : GNT/E.22/TRD/2025-26
Dated : 18-12-2025

E-Tenders from the Contractors for the following works are invited by the undersigned up to 15:30 hours on 19-01-2026.

Sl.No. 01. Tender Title : I). Guntur Division - Construction of 2 - lane & 4 - lane ROBS - 5 nos., - OHE modifications and II) Guntur Division - Replacement of composite insulators with porcelain insulators in connection with safety over the division.

Tender Ref No : GNT/E.22/TRD/2025-26, Dated : 18-12-2025. **Approximate Value in Rs. :** 2,64,15,330.47/- **Earnest money deposit in Rs. :** 2,82,100/- **Cost of tender form (non-refundable) in Rs. :** NIL.

Last Date and time for online submission of E-bids : 19-01-2026 up to 15:30 hours.

If the due date of tender opening is declared as holiday at a later date the tenders will be opened on the next working day. For any detailed information log on to website www.ireps.gov.in on or after 18-12-2025 up to 15:30 hours on 19-01-2026. Any further communication / Corrigendum shall only be intimated through E-portal www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction, Guntur.

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)

CE/C-III/SC Construction Organization, South Central Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works :

Sl.No. : 1. Notice Inviting Tender No. : PMS 04-CAO-C-SC-2025, Dated: 12-12-2025. Name of work : South Central Railway - Construction Organization - Appointment of Authority Engineer for providing project Management services (PMS) for the projects of (1) Tripling between Gudur and Renigunta stations (2) Doubling between Tirupati and Katpadi stations and (3) Bypass line between Yerpedu and Pudi stations in Guntakal division of South Central Railway for a period of 60 months.

Details : Estimated Cost : Rs. 58,88,91,200.00. Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 30,94,500.00. Completion Period : 60 (Sixty) Months. Date of Opening : 08-01-2026 15:00 hours.

Sl.No. : 2. Notice Inviting Tender No. : EPC-11-CAO-C-SC-2025, Dated: 08-12-2025. Name of work : South Central Railway (Construction Organization) - Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract for Doubling of Track between Bellamkonda station & Nallapadu station including Electrification & Signalling works in connection with Doubling of Guntur - Bibinagar section in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Details : Estimated Cost : Rs. 724,16,20,336.00. Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 2,00,00,000.00. Completion Period : 30 (Thirty) Months. Date of Opening : 06-03-2026 15:00 hours.

i) For bid document and other details, please login to website <https://ireps.gov.in>.

ii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

iii) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer, (Constn), Secunderabad.

Tender No. : 31_2025_26
Sr.DEE_TRD_HYB,
Dated : 19-12-2025

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / TRD / Hyderabad acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against **Tender No.31_2025_26 - Sr.DEE_TRD_HYB, Dated : 19-12-2025, Closing Date : 16-01-2026, 15:00 hours.** Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Sl. No. : 1. Description of work : Hyderabad Division - Outsourcing of TSS operators (Monitoring & Data Recording of TSS) at Divitipally (DTP) & Talmadla (TMD) Traction Sub Station (TSS) for a period of 02 years.

Tender Advertised Cost (Rs.) : Rs.43,75,298.00/- **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** Rs.87,500.00/- **Completion period :** 02 Years (24 Months). **Date of Closing :** 16-01-2026.

Website particulars : www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, TRD, Hyderabad.



DSP Venkat Reddy should take advantage of Lok Adalat

(Capital Information)
Sangareddy : Narayankhed DSP Venkat Reddy said that the National Lok Adalat to be held on December 21 should be taken advantage of. On this occasion, they said that those who have court cases can resolve cases like criminal compound civil family check bans traffic bank recovery. Once the cases are resolved, there is no need to go around the court. The DSP said that this opportunity should be taken advantage of.

Open e-Tender Notice No. : B/E.EGS/16/2025-26, Dated : 18-12-2025.

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites e-Tender for the following works up to 15:00 hours on the date mentioned below :

Sl. No. 1. Tender No. : B/E.29/I/EGS/27/25-26, Dated: 18-12-2025. Name of work : Vijayawada Division - Provision of Additional lifts for Amrit Stations under Sr.DEN/South & Sr.DEN/Central Jurisdiction including 10 years CAMC after 02 Years warranty period: Qty 14 Nos.

Period of completion : 6 Months. Tender value (Rs.) : 4,52,40,462.26/- Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security (Rs.) : 3,76,200/- Cost of Tender document : Nil. Date of closing : 09-01-2026.

Sl. No. 2. Tender No. : B/E.29/I/EGS/28/25-26, Dated: 18-12-2025. Name of work : Vijayawada Division - Provision of Additional lifts for Amrit Stations under Sr.DEN/East & Sr.DEN/North Jurisdiction including 10 years CAMC after 02 Years warranty period: Qty 15 Nos.

Period of completion : 6 Months. Tender value (Rs.) : 4,84,71,923.85. Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security (Rs.) : 3,92,400/- Cost of Tender document : Nil. Date of closing : 09-01-2026.

1) The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website www.ireps.gov.in before the date of tender closing to note any changes / corrigenda for any tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), Vijayawada. Tender Notice No. : 51/2025, Dated : 19-12-2025 SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS

E-Procurement Tender Notice
 The following Tenders have been floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website. Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be entertained. Tender Closing time is 14:30 hours of the Due date of the Tender. "For all indigenous offers, Earnest Money Deposit will be accepted only via online system as available on www.ireps.gov.in"

Tender No.	Brief Description
46251017A	Contactor for 60 KVA Transformer.
LH257147A	Supply installation & Commissioning of fire / smoke Detection System.
LH257347	Supply of 150 sq mm. thin walled with E beam irradiation /Chemical curing process flexible cable with copper Conductors.
30253783G	Stainless steel non-perforated Dust Bin.
33251550A	MV BOARD.
33251574A	Elastomeric Pad.
45251043B	Brushless Alternator 4.5 KW.
66257552B	Procurement of spares of Deitz make for track machines.
5625531B	SMPS Based integrated power supply system (IPS) 2v/300AH.
54251137A	EOLB Component.
77251003	Set of Fluoropolymer paints.
75251416A	PVC Flooring Sheet.
66258539A	Procurement of spares for track machines.
56255290	Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC).
38255019	Constant contact side bearer.
38253720A	Body side Slanchon.
29251219B	Secondary springs for 3 phase locos.

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening:
 SL.No. 01 on dt.02-01-2026. SL.No. 02 to 05 on dt.05-01-2026. SL.No. 06 on dt.08-01-2026. SL.No. 07 & 08 on dt.09-01-2026. SL.No. 09 to 12 on dt.12-01-2026. SL.No. 13 on dt.19-01-2026. SL.No. 14 on dt.21-01-2026. SL.No. 15 on dt.12-01-2026. SL.No. 16 on dt.06-01-2026. SL.No. 17 on dt.08-01-2026.

Beside above mentioned tenders there are other tenders having value Above Rs.50 lakhs. For details, please visit Railway website above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager, A2600 Secunderabad.

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Editorial Cluster-Based Handloom and Handicrafts Development

Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, today participated in the meeting of High-Level Task Force on Handlooms and Handicrafts, convened by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio. The meeting saw participation of Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Union Minister of State of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; Smt. Nandita Garlosa, Minister for Sports and youth Welfare, Assam; Sh. F. Rodingliana, Minister of State for Com-

merce & Industry, Mizoram; Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; and senior officers of Government of Manipur and Ministry of Textiles.

A cluster-based development approach for handlooms and handicrafts was discussed, with the objective of strengthening the entire value chain and ensuring sustainable and remunerative livelihood for artisans. The approach focuses on skill upgradation through master craftsman training; quality testing and certification; promotion of sustainable natural

fibres and natural dyes, and integration with e-commerce platforms for domestic and export markets.

Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, emphasised that the Ministry of Textiles should take leadership from a handloom and handicrafts perspective and develop a clear structure, beginning with one handloom and one handicraft product, and demonstrate success. With the focus areas already identified, discussions centred on how to move forward, starting with the identification of artisans within handloom or handi-

craft clusters.

It was highlighted that the value chain must be developed taking into consideration the market demand and the production chain should be established accordingly, and not the other way around. Product differentiation at the end-product level should also be part of the strategy to promote handlooms and handicrafts and this is possible when markets and buyers are also integrated into the value chain. The need to identify interventions required from all stakeholders, including MDoNER, Ministry of Textiles,

State Governments, private parties, to move from the current situation to the desired outcome, was also underscored.

The discussions further emphasised the importance of on-ground handholding, with a proposal to deploy one handloom and handicraft resource person at the cluster level and to have a representative of the buyer present on the ground to ensure alignment with market requirements.

Highlighting the long-term impact of the initiative, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia stated, "By bringing all stakeholders

into the value chain, we will be able to see, over the next 2-3 years, how the income of artisans grows. The key question is what impact our interventions will have on the weavers. Our end objective is to ensure that this project brings long term benefit to artisans. Handloom and handicrafts are art forms and India's wealth. Handmade products are witnessing unprecedented value, comparable to precious stones. India must not only preserve this heritage but make it truly remunerative for its artisans."

Take Necessary steps to Ensure Visible Improvement in the prevailing Air Quality situation across the NCR within One Week : Yadav

New Delhi (PIB) : Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav today chaired a high-level meeting to undertake a detailed review of Action Plans of the State Governments of NCT Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, along with concerned Municipal Bodies, for tackling the prevailing adverse air pollution situation in Delhi-NCR. This was the fourth in a series of such review meetings, conducted on a structured set of parameters in the prescribed format, as directed by the Minister in the earlier meeting held on 03.12.2025. Also present in the meeting was the Union Minister of State (EFCC), Kirti Vardhan Singh.

Expressing concern over the persistence of poor air quality in the Delhi-NCR, Yadav announced that from January 2026 onwards reviews of action plans, being finalised now, will be held every month at the Ministerial level. State Governments were asked to integrate the action plans of all NCR cities under their jurisdiction for future presentations. The Minister as-

sured that implementation-related bottlenecks would be addressed through regular inter-State coordination meetings at the highest level.

Yadav reviewed the individual presentations on measures taken by the State Governments and Municipal Bodies to control air pollution in Delhi-NCR. He emphasised that the momentum of these actions must be sustained until there is a visible improvement in air quality across the NCR. The Minister further made it clear that strict measures must be taken against defaulters, but at the same time the general public must not get inconvenienced unnecessarily. Identified issues are to be addressed through corrective actions, with a review scheduled in 15 days.

Directions were issued to ensure smooth traffic management at 62 identified congestion hotspots, and to promote EV/CNG buses for employees by corporates and industrial units in Delhi-NCR. Staggered timings for offices, shopping malls and commercial complexes were also emphasised to reduce



peak-hour congestion. Special measures were emphasised to provide end-to-end public transport on high-traffic routes, while strict directions were given to intensify action against illegal and polluting industrial units operating in the region. Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Noida were directed to fast-track the implementation of the Integrated Smart Traffic Management System (ITMS), while traffic police were asked to ensure that enforcement checks do not themselves lead to congestion.

The Minister underscored coordinated planning with DMRC and State authorities to improve last-mile metro connectivity across

NCR cities. Directions were issued to remove encroachments causing traffic congestion within 10 days, ensure annual maintenance contracts for pothole-free roads, and provide proper drainage to prevent monsoon-related damage to the roads. Coordinated redressal of public grievances related to pollution was to be ensured under CAQM's supervision, along with focused IEC activities for stakeholder engagement.

Yadav emphasized on taking necessary steps to ensure visible improvement in the prevailing air quality situation across the NCR within one week. He directed the authorities to remove dust and construction and demolition (C&D) waste lying on roads, containment of biomass burning, and strict enforcement of construction bans during high pollution periods. Individual

officers were asked to be assigned responsibility for Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines (MRSMs), supported by GPS tracking, to ensure efficient road cleaning and dust control. Public representatives were to be involved to strengthen accountability, he desired.

The CAQM was advised to issue guidance to Municipal Bodies to not permit demolition activities unless C&D waste collection sub-centres are available within a 10 km radius. C&D activities are to be banned during October-December, and CAQM was asked to explore engagement of start-ups and the private sector for innovative C&D waste management solutions through stakeholder consultations.

Haryana was directed to replace defunct Crop Residue Management (CRM) machines, ensure utilisation of paddy straw in power plants, brick kilns and crematoriums, and encourage setting up of pelletisation plants with Central financial assistance. Decentralised and in-situ solutions, including Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) and ethanol plants, were to be explored

to generate revenue and discourage stubble burning.

Specific directions were issued to seal illegal tyre-burning units and other non-permitted polluting establishments operating in Delhi-NCR. Further, it was directed to ensure installation of Online Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (OCEMS) in all polluting units—particularly in Haryana—and enforce the 31st December deadline for compliance. The Minister also directed ensuring society-wise solid waste collection and joint disposal of Bandhwari legacy waste by Faridabad and Gurugram at a common facility.

In coordination with the Delhi Forest Department, the Minister directed exploration of plantation opportunities in the NDMC area, with a target of planting 11 lakh saplings on the World Environment Day 2026. NHAJ was advised to reduce congestion at toll plazas through improved sensors and better Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) systems, and to ensure proper upkeep of major traffic-carrying roads.

ICG commissions GSL's new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel 'Amulya'

New Delhi (PIB) : Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Ship 'Amulya', the third in the series of eight new-generation Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessels, was commissioned in Goa on December 19, 2025. This 51-metre vessel designed and built by Goa Shipyard Limited represents a new benchmark in indigenous shipbuilding. With more than 60% indigenous components, Amulya, which means 'priceless', underscores India's steady progress towards defence self-reliance, in line with the Government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make-in-India initiatives. It integrates modern design philosophy focused on efficiency, endurance, and rapid response capability.



weapons/systems, offering superior manoeuvrability, operational flexibility and enhanced performance at sea. It will undertake a range of missions, including surveillance, interdiction, Search & Rescue, anti-smuggling operations, and pollution response, reinforcing ICG's role in safeguarding the eastern seaboard.

ICGS Amulya will be based at Paradip, Odisha, operating under the administrative and operational control of the Commander, Coast Guard Region (North East).

The ship is commanded by Commandant (JG) Anupam Singh and has a complement of 05 officers and 34 personnel.

The commissioning ceremony was presided over by Joint Secretary (IC), Ceremonial & CAO Amitabh Prasad, and attended by senior officials of ICG, Central and State Governments, and representatives from GSL. It marks another step forward in ICG's ongoing fleet expansion, which will contribute substantially to strengthening coastal security.

Union Home Minister emphasizes need to establish a robust port security framework across the country

New Delhi (PIB) : Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah convened a meeting for the constitution of a dedicated body, the Bureau of Port Security (BoPS), for the security of vessels and port facilities. The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Minister of Civil Aviation.

During the meeting, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah emphasized the need to establish a robust port security framework across the country. Shah directed that security measures should be implemented in a graded and risk-based manner, taking into account vulnerabilities, trade potential, location, and other relevant parameters.

The Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) shall be constituted as a statutory body under the provisions of Section 13 of the newly promulgated Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. The Bureau,



headed by a Director General, shall function under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and shall be responsible for regulatory and oversight functions relating to the security of ships and port facilities. The Bureau is being modelled on the lines of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). The BoPS shall be headed by an IPS officer (Pay Level-15). During the transition period of one year, the Director General of Shipping (DGS/DGMA) shall function as the Director Gen-

eral, BoPS.

The BoPS shall also ensure timely analysis, collection and exchange of security-related information, with a special focus on cyber security, including a dedicated division to safeguard port IT infrastructure from digital threats. In order to strengthen port security infrastructure, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been designated as a Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) for port facilities with responsibility for undertaking security assess-

ments and preparation of security plans for ports.

CISF has also been mandated to train and build the capacities of Private Security Agencies (PSAs) engaged in port security. These agencies shall be certified and appropriate regulatory measures shall be introduced to ensure that only licensed PSAs operate in this sector. During the meeting, it was also noted that lessons learned from the maritime security framework shall be replicated in the aviation security domain.

Energy Independence aligned with Self-Reliance and Geopolitical Compatibility: Dr Jitendra Singh

India Will Not Follow; It Will Lead the World in Clean Energy Transition: Dr Jitendra Singh

New Delhi (PIB) : Energy independence is no longer a matter of choice but an economic, strategic, and geopolitical necessity, said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh, while adding that India's transition towards clean and diversified energy sources is inseparably aligned with self-reliance and geopolitical compatibility, the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and India's expanding global role.

Addressing an event in Delhi, the Minister said that debates on whether to adopt green and clean energy have become redundant, as the global consensus today recognises energy transition as

essential for sustainable growth, economic resilience, and geopolitical compatibility. "If India has to move forward, there is simply no alternative," he said.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that reducing dependence on fossil fuel imports not only strengthens self-reliance but also prepares India for an inevitable global shift, as traditional energy exporters themselves are rapidly diversifying their energy portfolios. "Persisting with outdated energy models is like clinging to obsolete technology out of sentiment, tomorrow, even spare parts will not be available," he remarked.

Highlighting India's growing stature on the global stage, the Minister said the country is no



longer a passive participant but a trendsetter in areas such as climate action, clean energy, and advanced technology. "India is no longer following global cues; today, other nations are looking towards India for direction," he said, citing examples from space

exploration and biotechnology where Indian innovation is benefiting the global community.

Referring to India's clean energy commitments, Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced India's Net Zero

target for 2070 and reiterated the government's resolve to achieve 100 GW of nuclear energy capacity by 2047. He clarified that different energy sources should not be viewed through the prism of discrimination but through suitability, reliability, and application-specific utility.

The Minister emphasized that while renewable energy will form a significant share of India's energy mix, certain sectors—such as data centres, artificial intelligence, and advanced computing, require uninterrupted, stable, 24x7 power, where nuclear energy plays a critical role. "The future lies in a hybrid energy model, where each source is deployed where it is most cost-effective and efficient," he said.

Drawing parallels from technological evolution, Dr. Jitendra Singh observed that just as Artificial Intelligence is now evolving into a balanced 'AI plus Human Intelligence' model, India's energy strategy too will mature into an integrated framework combining renewables, nuclear power, hydrogen, and other emerging solutions.

He also highlighted the government's bold and unconventional reforms, including opening strategic sectors such as nuclear energy and space to private participation. "This government has demonstrated the courage to move beyond the status quo, enabling public-private synergy that is essential for achieving scale, speed and

sustainability," he said.

Calling for greater collaboration and trust between the public and private sectors, the Minister said India must move beyond silos and mutual scepticism to build a healthy ecosystem of innovation and execution. "National progress demands collective responsibility, shared purpose and integrated action," he asserted.

Dr. Jitendra Singh concluded by stating that while the initial phase of energy transition presents challenges, India is firmly on the right path under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Clean energy is no longer a subject of seminars alone; it is becoming a way of life. As stakeholders, we will adapt, innovate, and lead," he said.



Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi Reviews 10-Crore Development Works in Banjara Hills Division

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi on Friday undertook an extensive tour of bastis in the Banjara Hills Division to review the progress of ongoing civic works. The inspection covered CC roads, drinking water pipelines, and sewerage-related projects taken up at an estimated cost of 10 crore.

During her visit to NBT Nagar, Uday Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Sriram Nagar, Prem Nagar, Khaja Nagar, and Bola Nagar, the Mayor interacted with residents and



enquired about local issues. Officials were directed to expedite completion of the remaining works, many of

which have already reached their final stages within 20 days of the foundation laying.

Residents expressed satisfaction at the pace of execution and conveyed their appreciation to the Mayor for prioritising speedy completion. Vijayalakshmi further assured that pending works worth 2 crore in the division would also be taken up without delay.

Assurance on Anganwadi Centre Building at NBT Nagar

Parents at NBT Nagar highlighted the difficulties

faced by Anganwadi Centre-2, which is currently functioning in a cramped rented room. Concerns were raised about children's health and safety. Responding to these, the Mayor assured that steps would be initiated to construct a permanent building for the centre once suitable government land is identified. She added that discussions would be held with the District Collector to facilitate the process, emphasising that the decision would be taken keeping in mind the welfare of children.

Degree final year student Shivani attempts suicide

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda town : Shivani, a final-year degree student at the Social Welfare Gurukul College in Charlapalli, Nalgonda mandal, attempted suicide on Friday.



In the afternoon, Shivani jumped from the third floor of the college building. Shivani's native village is Jogigudem in Chandur mandal.

Fellow students and teachers who witnessed Shivani jumping from the building immediately rushed her to Icon Private Hospital in the town. The young woman's condition is currently critical. Rural SI Saida Babu stated that Shivani had written a suicide note saying she was ending her life due to disillusionment with life.

The student sustained serious injuries to her head and neck. Students are expressing several doubts regarding the injuries. They are demanding an inquiry into the incident. Further details are awaited.

MLC Naveen Reddy Felicitates Newly Elected Keshampet Sarpanch and Ward Members

Sarpanch Requests Support and Cooperation for Village Development : MLC Assures Full Support

(Special Correspondent)
Shadnagar : The newly elected Sarpanch of Keshampet mandal headquarters, Bojjala Srisailam, along with the ward members, was felicitated by MLC Naveen Reddy at his

office. On this occasion, the Keshampet Sarpanch and ward members requested MLC Naveen Reddy to extend his support and cooperation for the development of their village. Responding

to their request, MLC Naveen Reddy assured the newly elected Sarpanch and ward members that he would certainly provide all possible assistance and cooperation for the development of Keshampet village.



Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy to attend the NPL-6 closing ceremony as the chief guest

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda town : Nalgonda Town Congress Party President Gummula Mohan Reddy and former Municipal Vice Chairman Abbagoni Ramesh Goud stated that the closing ceremony of the NPL-6 cricket tournament, being held under the auspices of the Komatireddy Prateek Foundation at the NG College grounds in Nalgonda town, will be grandly organized.

On Friday, they observed the NPL-6 semi-final match being held at NG College and also inspected the arrangements for the blood donation camp to be held on the occasion of Komatireddy Prateek Reddy's death anniversary and the prize distribution ceremony for the NPL-6 winners. Later, they stated that the NPL-6 final match will be held on Saturday, coinciding with Komatireddy Prateek Reddy's death anniversary. They informed that



Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy will attend the NPL-6 final match as the chief guest and present shields and cash prizes to the winning teams.

They urged Congress Party and Youth Congress leaders and workers to participate in large numbers and give a grand welcome to Rajagopal Reddy. They added that the NPL-6 tournament, organized by the Komatireddy Prateek Foundation, has been successfully continuing for the past 20 days. He stated that many athletes are drawing inspiration from these sports. He mentioned that these daily sports events are greatly energizing the townspeople and sports enthusiasts.

On this occasion, he expressed his gratitude to the organizers and sponsors for successfully conducting the

cricket tournament. He informed that MLC Shankar Naik, along with several MLAs, the District Collector, the District SP, and other public representatives, will attend the prize distribution ceremony. Regarding the blood donation camp, he stated that a blood donation camp will be inaugurated at 8 AM on Saturday at the NG College premises on the occasion of the death anniversary of Prateek Reddy, son of Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. He requested Congress party public representatives, former public representatives, Congress party leaders, Komatireddy's followers, and leaders and activists of NSUI, Youth Congress, Women's Congress, and other affiliated organizations to attend and make the blood donation camp a success.

Former councilors Mandadi Srinivas Reddy, Julakanti Srinivas, Pradeep Naik, Kesani Venugopal Reddy, Alakuntla Mohan Babu, Samad, NPL-6 organizers Mutineni Nageswara Rao, Bonagiri Prabhakar, Palakuri Sridhar, and Congress party and Youth Congress leaders Kathula Koti, Goli Ravi, Mamidi Karthik, Gali Nagaraju, Jahangir, Padam Anil, Chintapalli Gopal, Ranjith, and others participated in this program.



Dumping yard problem to be resolved soon: MLA BLR

(Capital Information)
Miryalguda : In Miryalguda town, the municipal dumping yard located on the outskirts of Edulaguda has been accumulating waste for the past few years, causing difficulties for the people of the surrounding villages.

To address this problem, MLA Bathula Lakshma Reddy (BLR) held discussions with a private company to recycle the waste and remove it from the dumping yard. He also visited the dumping yard along with the company representatives. He announced that the waste will be removed from the site very soon, completely resolving the dumping yard problem for the townspeople and the people of the surrounding villages. Congress party town president Nukala Venugopal Reddy, other Congress leaders, Municipal DE Venkanna, and municipal staff participated in this program.

Ex-Task Force DCP Chargesheeted in Flat Deal Case

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Sanathnagar police have filed a chargesheet against former Hyderabad City Task Force Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Radhakrishnan Rao, who is also an accused in the phone-tapping case, for allegedly intervening in a property dispute and illegally detaining a businessman.

According to the chargesheet, filed on September 15 before the Kukatpally court, Rao has been named as the prime accused along with Masani Venkata Raju and Alluri Venkata Kasi Viswanatha Raju. The 29-page chargesheet pertains to a complaint alleging illegal confinement, assault and coercion in connection with a flat transaction in Sanathnagar.

The complainant, Muna-gapati Sudarshan Kumar, a businessman from Vijayana-gala Colony, Kukatpally, stated that he invested ₹60 lakh in Rajeshwara Constructions in



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2019 on the advice of his friends Masani Venkata Raju (SR Nagar) and Viswanatha Raju (Sanathnagar). In return, he was allotted a flat in Vijaya Apartments at JEK Colony, Sanathnagar.

Sudarshan later registered the flat in his daughter's name and began residing there. However, two months after the registration, Viswanatha Raju allegedly demanded an additional ₹5 lakh. When Sudarshan refused, Task Force police reportedly took him from his residence to the Task Force office in Secunderabad on the pretext of an inquiry.



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The complainant alleged that he was illegally detained for two days and assaulted with a belt, forcing him to cancel the flat's sale deed under duress. Following his complaint, Sanathnagar police registered a case and, after investigation, filed the chargesheet naming the former senior police officer and the two others.

Further legal proceedings in the case are awaited.

“Development of Keshampet Gram Panchayat Is My Responsibility” : Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar

MLA Shankar Congratulates Sarpanch Bojjam Srisailam and Ward Members

(Special Correspondent)
Shadnagar : Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of State Government Public Sector Undertakings, Veerlapalli Shankar, stated that the responsibility of developing Keshampet Gram Panchayat lies with him and assured that all necessary steps would be taken to ensure the village's all-round

development. The newly elected Sarpanch of Keshampet, Bojjam Srisailam, along with ward members who were recently elected in the Gram Panchayat elections, paid a courtesy visit to the MLA at his camp office in Shadnagar on Friday. On this occasion, MLA Shankar congratulated Sarpanch Srisailam and the



ward members and felicitated them by draping shawls.

Speaking at the event, MLA Shankar said that adequate funds would be allocated to the Gram Panchayat to undertake various developmental works with government support, in addition to providing basic amenities in the villages. He advised that politics should be limited only to the time of elections and that thereafter

everyone should work together in unity for development. He emphasized that significant progress can be achieved in villages only through unity.

The MLA extended his best wishes to the newly elected public representatives and reaffirmed that the Congress government is committed at all times to strengthening Gram Panchayats and safeguarding village self-governance.

Over Rs. 94 Crores XV Finance Commission Grants Released for PRIs in Uttarakhand

New Delhi (PIB) : The Union Government has released ₹94.236 crores as XV Finance Commission (XV FC) grants during the Financial Year 2025-26 for Rural Local Bodies / Panchayati Raj Institutions in Uttarakhand. The release includes the second instalment of Untied Grants for the Financial Year 2024-25 amounting to ₹9,410.03 lakhs for all eligible 13 District Panchayats, 95 Block Panchayats and 7,784 Gram Panchayats in the State. In addition, ₹13.60 lakhs towards the withheld portion of the first instalment of Untied Grants for FY 2024-25 has been released to 15 additionally eligible Gram Panchayats.

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Ministry of Jal Shakti (Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation) recommend the release of XV FC Grants for RLBs/PRIs, which is subsequently released by the Ministry of Finance in two installments during a financial year.



National Level Business Conclave 2025 (BIZ-CON 2025) at Guru Nanak University of Management and Commerce (UIMC)

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Guru Nanak University of Management and Commerce (UIMC) successfully organized the National Level Business Conclave 2025 (BIZ-CON 2025), a prestigious academic event aimed at strengthening industry-academia collaboration and fostering managerial excellence among students.

The conclave was organized under the visionary leadership of Sardar Gagandeep Singh Kohli, Chancellor of Guru Nanak University and Vice Chairman, Guru Nanak Institutions, and Dr.

H. S. Saini, Vice Chancellor GNU and Managing Director, Guru Nanak Institutions.

The inaugural function was graced by Dr. C. Kalairasan, Rector, Dr. Vishal Walla, Registrar, Dr. M. P. Singh Ishar, Advisor, and Dr. P. Parthasarathy, Director – Planning and Dean, Student Welfare, whose presence added significance to the national-level event.

Academic leadership for the conclave was provided by Dr. Rose Marry, Head of the Department, who played a key role in coordinating and guiding the proceedings.

BIZ-CON 2025 witnessed enthusiastic participation from eminent academicians, industry experts, researchers, entrepreneurs, and students from across the country. The conclave focused on emerging business themes such as innovation, digital transformation, leadership, sustainability, and future business strategies.

The event featured keynote addresses, panel discussions, research paper presentations, and interactive sessions, providing valuable exposure and insights into contemporary business practices. Students actively

participated and showcased their analytical and managerial competencies.

The management of Guru Nanak Institutions reaffirmed its commitment to promoting academic excellence and organizing such national-level platforms for knowledge sharing and holistic development.

The National Level Business Conclave 2025 (BIZ-CON 2025) concluded successfully with appreciation extended to all dignitaries, speakers, faculty members, students, and staff for their collective efforts.

Digital innovation and Technology adoption key to positioning India as a future-ready global MICE destination: Suman Billa

New Delhi (PIB) : The Union Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, is set to establish city-level convention promotion bureaus as independent bodies, in partnership with stakeholders, beginning in 2026, to significantly boost India's Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism ecosystem.

This was stated by Suman Billa, Additional Secretary and Director General, Ministry of Tourism, while inaugurating the IEIA Event-Tech & MarTech Summit 2025, organised by the Indian Exhibition Industry Association (IEIA) in New Delhi, today.

Addressing the gathering, Billa said that various States

across India are unlocking tourism opportunities in their own unique ways, and the time has now come to place India prominently on the global MICE map.

With iconic venues such as Bharat Mandapam, Yashobhooni, and Jio World Centre, and MICE tourism being prioritised under the Incredible India campaign, our objective is to elevate several Indian cities into globally competitive MICE destinations, he said.

Highlighting the importance of institutional reform, Billa stated that the establishment of professional City MICE Bureaus will form the cornerstone of India's national MICE strategy. These bureaus will function as au-

tonomous institutions providing coordinated, world-class support demanded by global events. Acting as a single facilitator for permissions and local partner networking, this framework aims to double India's share of the global MICE market within the next five years, he added.

Emphasising the role of technology, Billa said that the MICE sector must proactively adopt advanced computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and digital transformation solutions to redefine the planning, management, and delivery of large-scale national and international events.

He noted, by integrating smart technologies into our major event venues, generating predictive insights, and



accelerating digital adoption across the ecosystem, India will be well positioned as a future-ready exhibition and events destination.

Speaking on the occasion, Sorraj Dhawan, President, Indian Exhibition Industry Association (IEIA), said that IEIA is

working on a transformative roadmap to propel India into the top five global exhibition markets. India's MICE market, valued at USD 49.4 billion in 2024, is projected to grow to USD 103.7 billion by 2030. Central to capturing this growth is the national strategy

of establishing professional City MICE Bureaus on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. These bureaus will act as a 'single window' for event organisers, significantly improving ease of doing business and addressing long-standing ecosystem fragmentation, he said.

Mr Dhawan further stated that City MICE Bureaus would play a critical role in de-risking market entry for international organisers by offering a verified network of local partners and professional support. He added, this professionalism, combined with the adoption of BIS standards for exhibition organisation, will ensure consistent quality and global credibility for hosting mega international events in India.

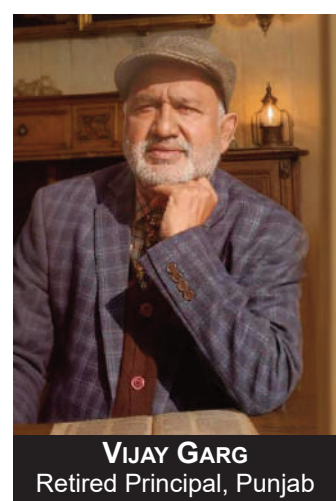
A major highlight of the event was a Round Table Summit on the 'Indian MICE Industry Roadmap for the Next Five Years', along with the official launch of IEIA's strategic report, titled "India MICE Opportunities Overview (2025-2030)", which outlines a comprehensive blueprint for leveraging institutional support to strengthen India's leadership in the global MICE sector.

The Indian Exhibition Industry Association (IEIA) is the national apex body representing exhibition organisers, venue owners, and service providers. IEIA serves as the "Gateway to Indian Trade Shows", driving the exhibition industry as a key engine of economic growth.

Plastic made trouble for the environment

It may be cheap, durable and is multi-use, but this plastic has become a serious crisis for our environment today. Plastic pollution is a matter of concern worldwide and it is not only polluting the land, but also water and air. This pollution is affecting the entire ecosystem including humans, animals and birds and marine organisms. This is the reason that today plastic garbage has become a big problem for the world. Around four million tons of plastic waste is generated globally every year, which has increased rapidly in the last two decades. About eight million tons of plastic ends in the seas, which is a serious threat to about seven hundred species of marine life. About 56 lakh tonnes of plastic waste is also being produced in India every year, which has a negative effect on the environment.

In recent years, the pollution of what has happened in the plastic effect in recent years also includes its increasing link with climate change. This is increasing concern at a time when the world climate change Reason



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Retired Principal, Punjab

Many types of crisis are facing. In fact, plastic is becoming a major threat to the world and it also creates an obstacle in global temperatures below 1.5 degrees Celsius. This is because the recycling of plastic causes greenhouse gas emissions. Plastic production and consumption accounts for about 3.3 percent of the Earth's total greenhouse gas emissions. It may seem minor to look, but the side effects of plastic on our earth are widespread. In such a situation, it is important to remember that the plastic bag or water bottle we throw has become how big trouble for

our earth. Plastic waste not only spreads dirt around us, but this serious problem that warms the earth also accelerates climate change. Due to changing climate and global heat, glaciers are rapidly melting and increasing sea levels. Due to this, there is a risk of drowning of many towns and metropolises on the sea.

In the last two decades 5, it has become clear that the process of neoliberal and privatization of globalization has created many challenges in front of us. Due to which the models of economic development have started stumbling. Environmental challenges are struggling. Various types of efforts are also being made at national and international levels to deal with them. These efforts are not proving effective in the face of current challenges. It is well known that there is a deep relationship between humans and nature. The concept of human greed, convenience and so-called development has caused huge damage to the environment, due to which not only rivers, forests, deserts, water sources are nking, but also the speed of melting glaciers

is increasing. The temperature crossing 50 degrees of the temperature is really a danger sign, from which is. The whole world is different in the present time.

But, Human life is also becoming unsafe. The rising temperature has not only complicated life, but it has also killed many people. Increasing plastic pollution and climate change all over the world is becoming a toxic mixture of biodiversity destruction. This is turning healthy land into a desert, weakening the rich ecosystem and this poses various threats to human life. It is to be known that plastic was discovered in the year 1907, its use increased in a very short time. Plastic, once considered a boon, has become a big problem for the world today. Even though plastic has made our life much easier, but on the other hand it has also become a big challenge for the earth today. Plastic is being used on a large scale due to cheap and durable. For this reason, millions of tons of plastic waste are produced every year, which works to cause serious damage to the environment.



Plastic waste rivers, sea, air has spread everywhere, so it would not be wrong to name the global disaster. Today, plastic pollution has spread in the corner. It is getting into our drinking water, food and environment. In this situation, a global resolve is needed to deal with the serious problem of plastic waste. This has now become not only an environmental issue, but also a serious threat to global human existence and health. In the last century, when various forms of plastic were invented, it was considered a great achievement of science and human civilization. Now when we are neither able to find its option nor stop using it. Why not consider it as the

biggest failure of science and human civilization.

This Of the World every According to a new report published in Communications Earth and Environment 'magazine, plastic production worldwide is increasing at the rate of 8.4 percent every year, while its recycling rate is limited to 9.5 percent. Dangerous imbalance is only creating a mountain of plastic waste on the earth, but also on the health of humans and animals. Negative effects are having a negative effect. It has been said in the report that forty crore tons of plastic were produced globally in the year 2022, with only 3.8 million tonnes recycled. It is estimated that if the current speed of plastic pro-

duction continues in this way, then by 2050 this figure will be doubled

The government in India has announced the country to stop single-use plastic under Swachh Bharat Mission. However, there is still a lot to be done in this direction. There is still a lot of awareness and encouragement from the government in this matter. According to a report by the United Nations' agency UNEP, working with good planning could save the world \$4.5 trillion by the end of the year if we move away from plastic. This includes the cost of not producing single use plastic. By the way, a large amount of plastic should be health and environment are 2040 Spending on loss. Plastic production on climate change to give The impact of is an area that needs serious attention in time. To overcome this problem, not only effective policy-making but also global cooperation, technological innovation and public participation are urgently needed. Otherwise the day is not far away, when plastic poison will reach our next generations.

Which Science Degree is known as "The Language of the Universe"?

The Language of the Universe: All science, technology, and finance are based on mathematics, the "language of the universe." Its extensive divisions, including Calculus, Algebra, and Statistics, build logical reasoning and provide tools to model phenomena, ensuring its continuous significance in human advancement.

The Language of the Universe

The Language of the Universe: The description of Mathematics as the "language of the universe" is profoundly fitting, reflecting its position as the unseen, pervasive thread that ties the cosmos and human endeavor. Its principles are obvious everywhere, from the delicate, per-

fectly calculated spirals of a sunflower (Fibonacci sequence) and the complicated geometry of snowflakes to the enormous, predictable mechanics guiding the expansion of galaxies. A sole, objective cornerstone of all human growth and invention, mathematics has the potential to transcend cultures, languages, and time.

Math is not an abstract subject found only in textbooks; rather, it is a vital instrument that shapes our everyday lives. It is the foundation of technology (from AI to cryptography), art (through symmetry and proportion), and the intricate models that power science and business. Exploring the essence of mathematics its rich history,



great practical utility, and the famous contributions of thinkers spanning millennia is not just an academic exercise; it's a trip that illuminates the wonder, practicality, and continuing significance of this

field in building our modern world. **What are the different branches of mathematics?** Mathematics is a vast discipline, broadly classified into pure mathematics (the study

of concepts for their own sake) and Applied Mathematics (using concepts to solve real-world problems). The modern field is further organized into numerous specialized branches.

Why Is Mathematics Important?

Drives Technological Innovation: Mathematics supports all modern technology, like Artificial Intelligence, cryptography, and engineering design, acting as the key language for scientific advancement and computation.

Develops Logical Reasoning: Learning math develops strong problem-solving abilities that are applicable to challenging real-world scenarios and decision-making by teaching the brain to think clearly, critically, and methodically.

Essential for Finance and Economics: It gives the tools for managing personal and global money, allowing for the proper computation of interest, debt, budgeting, and complex economic modeling.

Basis of Scientific Fields:

All pure sciences, including physics, chemistry, and biology, employ mathematics as a language to quantify, model, and forecast natural occurrences as well as carry out thorough experiments.

Improves Data Interpretation: Making educated decisions, avoiding manipulation in media and research, and comprehending big datasets all depend on an understanding of statistics and probability.

Important for Design and Architecture: To guarantee structural integrity, aesthetic balance, and practical efficiency in construction, architects, engineers, and designers must understand concepts like geometry, symmetry, and proportion.

105th NPG Meeting Reviews Rail and Road Projects to Boost Logistics Efficiency under PM GatiShakti

New Delhi (PIB) : The 105th meeting of the Network Planning Group (NPG) was convened today to evaluate infrastructure projects. The meeting focused on enhancing multimodal connectivity and logistics efficiency in alignment with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS NMP).

The NPG evaluated 07 Rail projects and 01 Road project for their conformity to the PM GatiShakti principles of integrated multimodal infrastructure, last-mile connectivity to economic and social nodes and 'Whole of Government' approach. These initiatives are expected to boost logistics efficiency, reduce travel times, and deliver significant socio-economic benefits to the catchment areas of the project. The evaluation and anticipated impacts of these projects are detailed below:

A brief description of the projects is given below:

Ministry of Railways(MoR)
3rd & 4th Line Arakonam – Renigunta

The Ministry of Railways has proposed constructing a 76.559 km 3rd and 4th railway line between Arakonam and Renigunta to ease congestion,

boost line capacity, improve punctuality, and support rising freight demand. The corridor spans districts in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and forms a key part of "Mission 3000 MT" and the High-Density Traffic Routes (Amrit Chaturbhuj) program.

The proposal incorporates industry consultations, ensures connectivity with major highways and airports, and leverages strong multimodal links to industrial hubs and key transport nodes. Enhanced approach roads for freight loading will further strengthen logistics efficiency. The Ministry underscores that the project is a strategic investment aimed at reinforcing rail infrastructure and supporting regional economic growth.

Doubling of track between Erode - Karur Section

The Ministry of Railways has proposed doubling the 66.67 km Erode-Karur railway line in Tamil Nadu to ease congestion, enhance capacity, and improve operational efficiency for both passenger and freight services. The project will support shorter freight routes, boost industrial growth, and strengthen regional mobility.

The corridor's strong integration with national and State highways, air connectivity, and existing road links to industrial hubs will enable seamless multimodal transport. Doubling the line will also improve movement of key commodities such as coal, steel, cement, and granite to power plants and industries, supported by adequate approach roads to loading points.

The Ministry emphasizes that the project will enhance supply chains, improve connectivity, and contribute significantly to Tamil Nadu's economic development.

3rd & 4th line between Guntakal – Bellary stations

The Ministry of Railways has proposed building a 45.92 km 3rd and 4th line between Guntakal and Bellary, effectively quadrupling the existing double-line corridor across Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The project will boost capacity on a key freight and passenger route serving major industries such as JSW, Kalyani Steels, Ultratech Cement, ACC Cement, and KPCL.

Situated on the vital Hubli-Gadag-Bellary-Guntakal

route, the section connects northwest Karnataka with major regions across India. The mineral-rich belt of Bellary, Tornagallu, Hosapete, and Ginigera—home to major steel and power plants—stands to gain significantly through improved freight mobility and reduced congestion.

3rd & 4th line between Guntakal – Wadi stations

The Ministry of Railways has proposed a 230 km 3rd and 4th line between Guntakal and Wadi, traversing Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. The project will quadruple the existing double-line section, expanding capacity on one of the region's most crucial freight routes.

The corridor is vital for transporting coal from the Nagpur-Balharshah-Kothagudem belt to power plants along the Wadi-Guntakal-Renigunta axis and supports major cement industries between Wadi and Tandur. The expansion will ease bottlenecks, improve punctuality and average speeds, and create additional paths for both passenger and freight trains.

Doubling between Salem-Karur-Dindigul

The Ministry of Railways has proposed doubling the 159.26 km Salem-Karur-Dindigul railway corridor to ease congestion, boost line capacity, and enable smoother, faster passenger and freight operations.

As a key energy and industrial route serving the Mettur Thermal Power Plant and major sectors such as steel, cement, textiles, agriculture, and food processing, the upgraded line will significantly reduce freight costs, improve logistics efficiency, and stimulate regional economic growth. Strong industrial clusters across Salem, Namakkal, Karur, and Dindigul stand to benefit from enhanced connectivity.

The project is expected to improve service reliability, create local employment, and strengthen Tamil Nadu's strategic freight network.

3rd and 4th line between Yadadri and Kazipet stations and 4th line between Ghatkesar and Yadadri stations

The Ministry of Railways has proposed constructing a third and fourth railway line between Yadadri and Kazipet (77.958 km) and a fourth line

between Ghatkesar and Yadadri (32.448 km). These sections form part of a High Traffic Density Corridor identified under the Universe of Projects of Indian Railways, underscoring their strategic importance.

The Yadadri-Kazipet-Ghatkesar corridor is one of Telangana's most vital rail routes, serving as a key artery for both passenger and freight movement across South India and providing connectivity to major metropolitan cities including Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, and Delhi. The corridor has witnessed significant development owing to its strategic location and the concentration of major industrial establishments in the region.

The route benefits from strong multimodal connectivity, with direct access to major roads such as NH-163 and State Highways SH-1 and SH-2. It also lies within convenient proximity to major airports—Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (around 31 km from Secunderabad) and Begumpet Airport (approximately 40 km). Existing road links between railway stations and industrial zones, including

pharmaceutical clusters, will be further strengthened to accommodate increased traffic once the project is completed. No ports are located in the immediate vicinity.

The proposed expansion aims to enhance network capacity, improve punctuality, and support the region's growing passenger and freight demand.

vii. 3rd and 4th line Electrified Multi tracking line between Talegaon-Uruli

The Ministry of Railways has proposed a broad-gauge, electrified multi-tracking railway line between Talegaon and Uruli in Pune district, Maharashtra, to enhance passenger and freight connectivity. The alignment will serve key towns including Talegaon, Wagholi, and Uruli, and support major industrial and logistics hubs.

Key stakeholders such as JSW Dolvi, JNPA, Adani APSEZ, MIDC Chakan, Niphad Dry Ports, and automobile industries have been consulted for traffic assessment. The project ensures multimodal integration with airports and highways, while avoiding infringement on major national and State highways.

NBA Releases ₹14.88 Crore as Access and Benefit Sharing funds to Andhra Pradesh Forest Department

Till date, over Rs. 104 crore disbursed under ABS mechanism for Red Sanders conservation to Andhra Pradesh, taking NBA's total ABS disbursements beyond Rs. 143 crores

New Delhi (PIB) : The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has continued its succession of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) disbursements with the release of ₹14.88 crore (USD 1.65 million) to the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department. The funds are earmarked for the protection, conservation, regeneration, research and development, awareness creation, and capacity-building programmes related to Red Sanders, as benefit-sharing contributions arising from 29 Form-I applications.

With this release, India's cumulative ABS disbursements have crossed above ₹143 crore (USD 15.8 million). To date, the NBA has released over ₹104 crore (USD 12.5 million) to the State of Andhra Pradesh towards Red Sanders conservation as well as benefit claimers, and over ₹15 crore (USD 1.8 million) released to various states such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telangana.

Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), globally valued for its distinctive deep red timber, is endemic to limited pockets of

the Eastern Ghats, notably in the Anantapur, Chittoor, Kadapa, Prakasam and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh. The benefit-sharing contributions have accrued from the auction of 1,115 tonnes of Red Sanders wood confiscated and seized by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and subsequently auctioned by Central Government agencies, including the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd., MMTCL Limited and PEC Limited.

Noteworthy to mention that through the Red Sanders access and benefit-sharing amount, NBA supported research projects on Red Sanders, covering conservation, sustainable use, genetic improvement, and value addition through reputed government research institutions like ICFRE-IFGTB, ICFRE-IWST, CSIR-IICB.

Field surveys across forest divisions of Andhra Pradesh resulted in the documentation of 1,513 genetic resources with georeferenced traits and assessed over 15,000

standing trees for variability and reproductive behaviour. Seeds from elite resources were collected for ex situ conservation, with ongoing efforts to establish a National Red Sanders Field Gene Bank. Propagation technologies were strengthened through standardised tissue culture, improved germination, and high-success vegetative propagation methods. Preliminary Seed Production Area guidelines were also developed to support long-term sustainability.

Value-added products such as soaps, creams, lip care products, and wood coatings were successfully developed from bark and heartwood. Notably, Royalseema RS Soap® was trademarked (Trademark No. 5870030) and Royal Red lipstick met Bureau of Indian Standards specifications, demonstrating translation of research into practical applications by ICFRE – Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore.

The initiative reaffirms the NBA's sustained commitment to fair and equitable benefit sharing, prevention of illegal trade, and strengthening of collective action in biodiversity governance. NBA is ensuring long-term protection of the ecological, genetic, and socio-economic values of Red Sanders by reinvesting ABS proceeds into conservation, scientific innovation, and community-linked development. These efforts collectively safeguard this endemic species for present and future generations while reinforcing India's leadership in biodiversity governance.

Today's Horoscope

ARIES Try to get out of your office early and do things that you really enjoy. Certain important plans will be executed bringing you fresh financial gains. Someone you know might overreact to situations concerning finance, bringing uneasy moments at home. A good communication or a message from your beloved or spouse will enhance your morale today. Today, you'll spend some time alone by going out of the house without telling anyone. Even though you'll be alone, there will be millions of things going inside your head. Today, either your father or elder brother can scold you for any mistakes.

TAURUS Self-improvement projects will pay off in more than one way- You will feel better and confident about yourself. You are very likely to attain financial benefits today, but you must perform charity and make donations, as it will acquire mental peace. Relatives would try to take undue advantage of your extra generous behaviour. Control yourself otherwise you might be deceived. You must remember generosity to some extent is good but if it crosses a limit it might create some problems. In the busy streets, you will realize that you are the luckiest because your sweetheart is the best.

GEMINI Outdoor activities will benefit you. Loving in a fortress life style and always concerning about security will only hamper your physical as well as your mental growth. It will also make you a nervous person. Monetary transactions will continuously take place throughout the day, and after the end of the day, you will be able to save enough. Enjoy a peaceful and quiet day with family members-If people approach you with problems- Ignore them and don't let this bother your mind. You will never forget this day in your entire life, if you didn't lose the opportunity of making love today.

CANCER Take proper care about your diet especially migraine patients who should not miss their meal otherwise it could give them undue emotional stress. Married natives of this zodiac sign are likely to attain monetary benefits from their in-laws' side today. A favorable day for domestic matters and finishing pending household jobs. You will know today that the love of your partner is truly soulful for you. The wheel of time moves very fast. So learn to use it wisely and make the most of it. Life becomes really mesmerizing when your partner is really awesome, you are going to experience it today.

LEO Health can bloom by sharing happiness with others. Do not make rash decisions- especially when negotiating major financial deals. A close relative might demand more attention but would be supportive and caring. Disappointment in love would not discourage you. While fulfilling the needs of the family, you often forget to give yourself a break. But today, you will be able to take out some time for yourself and look for a new hobby. Your spouse might burst out on you over a not-so-happening conjugal life that you have. Feed cows yellow grams to improve your love relations.

VIRGO Start meditation and yoga for physical gain especially mental toughness. Your money comes to your work only when you stop yourself from spending extravagantly, today you can understand this thing well. Let family tension not divert your attention. Bad times give us much more. Being revengeful towards your lover will not bring any result- rather you should keep a cool head and explain your true feelings to your lover. To properly utilize your free time, you should get away from people and do what you love. Doing this you will also bring some positive changes in your life.

LIBRA Your generous attitude would be a blessing in disguise as you are likely to be liberated from many vices like doubt, disloyalty, depression, lack of faith, greed, attachment, egoism, and jealousy. Monetary transactions will continuously take place throughout the day, and after the end of the day, you will be able to save enough. For some- a new arrival in the family brings in moments for celebration and party. Someone may compliment you. You can spend your free time at any temple, gurudwara or any religious place today, away from unnecessary troubles and disputes.

SCORPIO Keep an eye on your weight and do not indulge in overeating. The money you had saved up from a long time can come to use today. However, the expenditure can lower your spirit. Family members will hold a special place in your life. Be original in your appearance and behaviour when you go out with your lover. Excellent day for social as well as religious functions. Romantic songs, aromatic candles, good food, and some drinks; the day is all about this with your spouse. Offering Prasad in the form of Jaggery and gram (Chana) will make health better.

SAGITTARIUS You may get rid from prolong illness. Today, you can seek advice from the seniors of your family about finance management and savings and use them in your daily life. Guests crowd your house for a pleasant and wonderful evening. Your work will take a backseat- as you find comfort- pleasure and extreme ecstasy in the arms of your beloved. Today, you can sit with your family members and talk about many important issues of life. Your words may be bothersome for your family, but you will be able to derive a solution. In a regular married life, this day will act as a delicious dessert.

CAPRICORN Keep your quarrelsome behaviour under control as it could mar your relationship permanently. You can overcome this by promoting open mindedness and shedding prejudices against anybody. If you are married, then take special care of your children today, as there are chances of their health deteriorating. As a result, you may have to spend a lot of money on their health. Friends and spouse brings comfort and happiness to you otherwise a dull and slow day. Romance will be exciting- so contact the person you love and make the best of the day.

AQUARIUS Too much worry and stress could cause hypertension. In case you are looking for ways to make little extra money- invest in secure financial schemes. Your witty nature would brighten the environment around you. Girlfriend may deceive you. Today you can spend some quality time with your spouse by taking a break from your work. Your spouse might get a little bit hurt of knowing a secret from your past today. Your family members may need your presence within the house today. Therefore, try and take out time for them.

PISCES Realize your true potentials as you are not lacking strength but will. Businessmen who are stepping out of their homes for work should store their money at a safe place today, as there are chances of theft. Some people will tend to promise more than they can deliver-Forget about such people who just talk and give no results. You need to be in your best behaviour- because it won't take much to upset your lover today. Today, you can make good use of your free time by chatting with the younger members of the household. You might feel annoyed by your spouse due to off mood.

Winter Session of Parliament Adjourns Sine Die

Session Provided 15 Sittings Spreading Over 19 Days

New Delhi (PIB) : The Winter Session, 2025 of Parliament which commenced on Monday, the 1st of December, 2025 has been adjourned sine die on Friday, the 19th of December, 2025. The Session provided 15 sittings spreading over 19 days.

During the Session, 10 Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha and 08 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 08 Bills were also passed by Rajya Sabha and a total of 08 Bills were passed by both the Houses of Parliament. A Special discussion on the 150th Anniversary of the National Song "Vande Mataram" was held in the Lok Sabha on 8th December and in the Rajya Sabha on 9th, 10th and 11th December 2025. The Prime Minister initiated the discussion in the Lok Sabha. 65 Members participated which engaged the House for 11 Hours 32 Minutes. Union Home Minister initiated the discussion in the Rajya Sabha. 81 Members participated in the debate which was concluded with the speech of the Leader of the House (Rajya Sabha). This engaged the House for a total time of 12 Hours 49 Minutes.

Further, a discussion on Election Reforms was held in the Lok Sabha on 9th and 10th December and in the Rajya Sabha on 11th, 15th and 16th December 2025. Union Home Minister concluded the debate in Lok Sabha. 62 Members participated in the discussion, which engaged the House for 12 Hours 59 Minutes. In Rajya Sabha, the debate was concluded by the Leader of the House (Rajya Sabha). 57 Members participated in the debate which engaged the House for a total time of 10 Hours 37 Minutes.

First Batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26 were discussed and voted in full and the related Appropriation Bill was introduced, considered and passed by Lok Sabha on 15.12.2025 and returned by the Rajya Sabha on 16.12.2025.

A Bill replacing the Ordinance namely, the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (No. 2 of 2025) promulgated by the President after Monsoon Session 2025, was considered and passed by both the Houses of Parliament during this Session.

Statutory Resolution on the adoption of "Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act 2024 in the State of Manipur" was adopted in the Rajya Sabha on 3.12.2025.

The Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishtan Bill, 2025 after its introduction in Lok Sabha was referred to Joint Committee of the Houses of Parliament.

Centre Releases Over ₹127 Crores to Strengthen Rural Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu under XV FC Grants

New Delhi (PIB) : The Union Government has released ₹127.586 crores to Rural Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions in Tamil Nadu during the financial year 2025-26.

The amount represents the second instalment of untied grants under the XV

Finance Commission for 2025-26.

These grants have been released for 9 District Panchayats, 74 Block Panchayats and 2,901 Gram Panchayats that have duly elected bodies and fulfil the prescribed eligibility

conditions. Government of India through Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Jal Shakti (Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation) recommends release of XV-FC grants to States for Rural Local Bodies / Panchayati Raj

Institutions, which are then released by Ministry of Finance.

The allocated grants are recommended and released in 2 installments in a financial year.

The Untied Grants will be utilized by RLBs/ PRIs for location-specific

felt needs, under the Twenty-Nine subjects enshrined in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution, except for salaries and other establishment costs.

The Tied Grants can be used for the basic services of (a) sanitation and main-

tenance of ODF status, and this should include management and treatment of household waste, and human excreta and fecal sludge management in particular and (b) supply of drinking water, rainwater harvesting and water recycling.

CPI(M) Demands Immediate Devolution of Powers to Local Bodies



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, December 19 : The Communist Party of India (Marxist) thanked voters for supporting CPI(M)-backed candidates in the Gram Panchayat elections held on December 11, 14 and 17. In a statement, CPI(M) Khammam District Secretary Nunna Nageswara Rao expressed gratitude to the electorate and congratulated all newly elected sarpanches in the district.

Raising the issue of decentralisation, Rao demanded that the State government immediately transfer the 29 powers guaranteed under the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments to local self-government institutions. He also called for the allocation of 40 per cent of the State budget to local bodies to enable effective grassroots governance.

Providing election details, Rao said CPI(M)-supported candidates contested 72 sarpanch posts, with 26 candidates winning, while the party facilitated unanimous elections in 10 villages. He said 35 deputy sarpanches and over 400 ward members across nearly 120 villages were elected with CPI(M) support, and congratulated party workers for overcoming pressure, money power and inducements during the polls.

'Fraud Ka Full Stop' Cyber Awareness Programme Held in Khammam



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, December 19 : A cyber awareness programme under the state-wide campaign "Fraud Ka Full Stop" was organised at the Khammam Zilla Parishad Meeting Hall premises to create awareness among the public on preventing digital and cyber frauds.

Addressing the gathering, Additional Superintendent of Police, Cyber Crime, TGCSB Hyderabad G. Biksham Reddy said cyber crimes are increasing rapidly and called upon students, youth and the general public to remain alert and cautious while using digital platforms. He stressed the importance of identifying fraud attempts at an early stage.

SBI Regional Manager R.M. Rajasekhar and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Cyber Crime, Khammam CHRV Phanindra highlighted common frauds such as digital arrest scams, fake calls about accidents of family members, lottery winnings, instant loan offers, and requests for OTPs or ATM card details.

They advised victims of suspected fraud to immediately contact the 1930 toll-free helpline, lodge an online complaint and inform their respective banks without delay. Inspector K. Naresh (CCPS), SBI Chief Manager (Operations) Fayaz Basha, SBI ZP Branch Manager Shaik Ibrahim, Sub-Inspectors G. Ranjith Kumar and Vijay Kumar, along with bank officials, students and members of the public, participated in the programme.

Sarvagnya School Student Excels at International Dance Festival

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, December 19 : G. Manvi, a student of Sarvagnya School, VDOs Colony, Khammam, brought pride to her school and the city by showcasing her talent at the international level through an impressive classical dance performance.



The International Dance Festival, organised on November 23 at NVS AC Function Hall, Srikalahasti in Tirupati district by the Pride India Cultural & Citizens Welfare Forum, saw Manvi mesmerise the audience with her graceful Kuchipudi dance. Her performance earned her a prestigious place in the Merit Book of Records, marking a significant achievement.

Sarvagnya School Chairman R. V. Nagendra Kumar felicitated Manvi with a gold medal, merit certificate and shield, lauding her achievement and stating that excellence in fine arts alongside academics is commendable. School Correspondent Neelima wished her greater success in the future, while Manvi expressed gratitude to her parents Dr. G. Venkateswara Rao and Anita, the school management and teachers for their support.

Khammam MP Raises Telangana Migration Issue in Parliament

(Capital Information)

New Delhi / Khammam Bureau, December 19 : The Union Government on Thursday informed Parliament that Telangana remains a significant source of migrant labour to Gulf countries, with 49,879 Emigration Clearances (ECs) issued between 2020 and December 9, 2025. The details were shared in the Lok Sabha in response to questions raised by Khammam Member of Parliament Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy during the Winter Session.

In a written reply, Union Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh said the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia continue to be the leading destinations for workers from Telangana. Employment opportunities in construction, services, sanitation and transport sectors were cited as the primary drivers of migration, with male workers forming the majority of migrants.

The Minister said the government has strengthened multiple institutional mechanisms to ensure the safety, welfare and rights of migrant workers. These include the e-Migrate portal, support through Indian embassies and consulates, Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayata Kendras, and 24x7 grievance redressal helplines. Pre-departure orientation, verification of employment contracts and mandatory



insurance coverage are being implemented to prevent exploitation and ensure worker security abroad.

Replying to a separate question on public health, Union Minister of State for Health Prataprao Jadhav told the House that there is no conclusive evidence directly linking air pollution, particularly PM2.5, as the sole cause of deaths in the country. He said mortality and disease outcomes result from a combination of factors including lifestyle, occupational exposure, socio-economic conditions, medical history and genetic predisposition, with air pollution being one among several contributing elements.

Meditation Promotes Physical and Mental Well-being - Lakshminarayana

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, December 19 : Meditation and yoga play a vital role in promoting physical health, mental peace and overall well-being, said Vanjaku Lakshminarayana, Convener of the Khammam Yoga and Meditation Federation. Speaking at a press conference held at the Khammam Press Club on Friday, he called upon citizens to actively participate in the observance of World Meditation Day on December 21.

As part of the celebrations, a yoga and meditation programme will be organised at the District Parishad Meeting Hall in Khammam from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Lakshminarayana said invitations have been extended to State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, the District Collector and the Municipal Commissioner to attend the event.

Highlighting the significance of December 21, he said it marks the shortest day and longest night of the year, symbolising introspection, balance and self-awareness. Meditation, an ancient practice, helps calm the mind, improves clarity of thought and strengthens emotional resilience, he noted. In today's fast-paced and competitive world, meditation serves as an effective tool to manage stress, anxiety and men-

tal fatigue.



Lakshminarayana said World Meditation Day aims to raise awareness about mental health and the universal value of meditation, which transcends religion, caste and nationality. He said practising meditation daily, even for a few minutes, can trans-

form one's outlook on life and contribute to harmony within families, society and the world.

The press conference was attended by AYUSH Department District Programme Officer Babu Naik and representatives of various yoga and spiritual organisations.

New Committee Formed for Madhira Division Private Schools Association

(Capital Information)

Madhira, December 19 : The Telangana Recognised Schools Managements Association (TRMSA) convened a meeting on Thursday at Sreenidhi School, Madhira, during which the new committee for the Madhira Division Private Schools Association was elected.

Bhatlapenumarthi Suryanarayana, Correspondent of Sri Bhaskara Memorial School, Meenavolu, was unanimously elected as President, while Jalla Krishnarao, Correspondent of Madupalli Saraswathi School, was

chosen as General Secretary. Kanthala Srinivasarao, Correspondent of Sai Sree Geetha School, Marlapadu, was elected as Treasurer.

Supervising the programme, Khammam District TRMSA President Mr. Gurram Kantharao stated that budget private schools are providing employment to many unemployed youth and delivering quality education to poor and middle-class students at affordable fees. He urged the government to respond positively to the issues faced by budget private schools. Several



TRMSA district leaders, divisional presidents and senior private school correspondents from the Madhira Division were present at the meeting.

Chemist Women Extend Winter Relief to Students



(Capital Information)

Bhadrachalam, December 19 : As part of a community service initiative, women members of the Chemist and Druggist Association, Bhadrachalam, distributed 140 rugs valued at Rs 15,000 to students of the Saraswathi Sishu Mandir Residential School. The relief material was procured from funds raised through a kitty party organised by the association's women members.

The members noted that the association has been actively involved in similar welfare programmes in the past, including the distribution of study materials to government school students and blankets to hostel residents.

The programme was attended by Pakala Duragasprasad, President of Saraswathi Sishu Mandir, Geetha, teacher, Somasekhar Parimi, President of the Chemist and Druggist Association, along with teaching staff and women members of the association.

TBGKS Demands Paid Holiday for Singareni Foundation Day

(Capital Information)

Kothagudem, December 19 : The Telangana Boggu Gani Karmik Sangham (TBGKS) has demanded that December 23, Singareni Foundation Day, be declared a paid holiday for all Singareni employees. TBGKS State Chief General Secretary Kapu Krishna criticised the allocation of only Rs 8 lakh for this year's celebrations, calling it unfair and disrespectful to workers.

He alleged that while Singareni funds are being spent on high-cost sponsorships and diverted through CSR and DMFT schemes, workers' welfare and Foundation Day celebrations are being neglected. TBGKS urged the management to restore funding by allocating Rs 3 lakh per area, as in previous years, and to ensure the celebrations are held in a befitting manner.



Rare Robotic Surgery Restores Voice at Yashoda Hospital



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, December 19 : Doctors at Yashoda Hospital have successfully performed a rare and advanced robotic surgery to restore the voice of a patient suffering from laryngeal cancer, senior Surgical Oncologist and Advanced Robotic Surgeon Dr. Sachin Marda said during a press interaction.

The patient, Ramesh (44) from Polishetty Gudem, Khammam, was experiencing severe throat pain, loss of speech, and difficulty in swallowing. Detailed evaluation revealed a large tumor near the voice box, diagnosed as laryngeal cancer. Using advanced robotic technology, doctors implanted an artificial voice prosthesis through a minimally invasive procedure, enabling the patient to regain his voice and resume normal eating and speaking.

Dr. Marda said early diagnosis and timely treatment can effectively manage cancer and improve survival rates. He added that Yashoda Hospital provides comprehensive cancer care, including advanced robotic surgeries, radiation therapy, IMRT, MR LINAC, IGRT, medical oncology, and chemotherapy. The press meet was attended by hospital officials and the patient's family.

StemSpark Resonance Students Excel at WFSKO National Open Karate Championship



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, December 19 : Students of StemSpark Resonance School, Srinagar Colony, Khammam, showcased exceptional talent at the 11th WFSKO National Open Karate Championship-2025, held recently in Bengaluru. Competing in the Under-14 category, the young karatekas delivered an impressive performance at the national level.

Sk Adnan, a Class IV student, secured third place in the 55 kg Kata event and won the gold medal in Kumite, while Sk. Ubaid, also from Class IV, clinched the gold medal in the Yellow Belt Kata category and a bronze medal in the sparring event. Their achievements contributed significantly to the team's success and helped the school win the Championship Trophy.

At a felicitation programme held on the school premises, Directors K. Sridhar Rao and Krishnaveni congratulated the students and lauded their dedication. Principal P.V.R. Murali Mohan, Coach Sk Khasim, along with teaching and non-teaching staff, joined in appreciating the young champions for bringing laurels to the institution.

Minister Praises Agency Hospital Services in Bhadradi District



(Capital Information)

Bhadradi Kothagudem, December 19 : State Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha has lauded the exemplary medical services being provided by TVVP hospitals in the Agency areas of Bhadradi district, stating that their performance has become a source of inspiration for other districts. Appreciating the dedication and efficiency of the staff, the Minister said the hospitals are delivering quality healthcare despite geographical and infrastructural challenges.

The Minister invited DCHS Dr. G. Ravi Babu along with staff from Charla, Manuguru, Bhadrachalam, Yellandu and Aswarapeta hospitals to the State Secretariat, where he, along with Health Secretary Christina, felicitated them with mementos. He particularly praised Charla Hospital for providing effective treatment facilities in a remote Agency area and directed officials to replicate this model in other Agency regions across the State.

Referring to recent national media reports highlighting the medical facilities at Charla Hospital, the Minister said the recognition reflected the hard work and commitment of hospital superintendents and staff. He specially commended Dr. G. Ravi Babu for coordinating and strengthening district hospitals to function on par with private hospitals, thereby restoring public confidence in government healthcare institutions.

The administration must strive to provide essential services to the people during times of disaster : Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar

(Capital Information)
Suryapet : District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar stated that the administrative machinery should strive to provide necessary services to the people during times of disaster. On Friday, the Chief Secretary of the Telangana State Government, Ramakrishna Rao, along with NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority) Director Sudhir Bal, Telangana Fire Service Director Narayana Rao, and officials from relevant departments, reviewed the mock exercise on flood and industrial accident prevention, scheduled for the 22nd of this month, through a video conference with all district collectors and district officials of the concerned departments from Hyderabad.

On this occasion, CS Ramakrishna Rao said that the relevant departmental machinery should have a complete understanding of the measures to be taken and precautions to be observed during various types of disasters, including floods, industrial accidents, and road accidents. He said that during floods, officials from the relevant departments must work in coordination to alert the public, evacuate those trapped in floodwaters to safe areas, and provide necessary basic facilities in relief camps. He added that medical teams should be vigilant to provide emergency medical services to those injured in various accidents. He mentioned that a mock exercise is conducted annually to ensure that officials from the irrigation, electricity, roads, police, medical, civil supplies, and other depart-



ments work in coordination during a disaster. After the video conference, the District Collector addressed the officials, stating that the fire, police, and revenue departments should remain vigilant and take appropriate measures during floods and other disaster situations. He emphasized the need

to pre-plan evacuation routes, determining which areas to move from and to, and where to set up relief camps. He instructed that the relief camps should be equipped with food, drinking water, sanitation facilities, and medicines. If the victims have to stay in the camps for an extended period, sufficient ration rice, other provi-



sions, and cooking oil should be distributed to them. He also stressed the importance of rescuing children first if floodwaters enter schools and taking necessary precautions in advance to prevent damage to crops. The Collector said that farmers should be issued cyclone warnings through news chan-

nels and radio, and that steps should be taken to ensure the strength of tank and river embankments. He also stated that a mock drill exercise should be organized in one area of the three municipalities and four assembly constituencies to alert the public during floods and disaster situations. He added

that the fire, police, revenue, and transport departments, as well as the public, should be involved in this mock drill exercise, as such exercises would create awareness among the people and help them protect themselves during floods and disaster situations. Additional Collector K. Seetharama Rao, Additional SPs Ravinder Reddy and Vardhan Reddy, ZP CEO VV Appa Rao, DPO Yadagiri, Industrial GM Seetharam, RDOs Suryanarayana and Venumadhav, Municipal Commissioner Hanumantha Reddy, DMHO Venkatarama, DSO Shoban Babu, DM Ramu, Animal Husbandry Officer Srinivas Rao, R&B EE Seetharamaiah, Panchayat Raj EEs Venkataiah and Madhavi, DYSO Venkat Reddy, and others attended this video conference.

High tension prevails in the G. Chennaram village of Nalgonda mandal over the Deputy Sarpanch election

The forceful coercion of the BJP candidate by making her wear a Congress scarf is reprehensible : BJP State Leader Pilli Ramaraju Yadav

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda (G.Chennaram) : The Deputy Sarpanch election in G. Chennaram village of Nalgonda mandal has led to intense tension. The political atmosphere in the village heated up due to the fierce competition between parties for the Deputy Sarpanch post. Out of the total 8 wards in the village, the Congress party secured four wards and the TRS-BJP alliance secured four wards unanimously in the ward member elections. Although the Congress party attempted to elect the Sarpanch unanimously, their efforts were unsuccessful.



TRS candidate Gurram Sambaiiah won the Sarpanch position. Following this, BJP leaders alleged that the Congress party resorted to conspiracies to secure the Deputy Sarpanch position. They complained that Uppu Nukala Chandrakala, a ward member who won from the BJP, was kidnapped at midnight and forced to wear a Congress scarf. Local leaders brought this matter to the attention of BJP state leader Pilli Ramaraju Yadav.

He then arrived at the village and spoke to the ward members, where Chandrakala clarified that she was forcibly made to wear the Congress scarf. She declared that since she won on a BJP ticket, she would continue as the BJP Deputy Sarpanch. Subsequently, Pilli Ramaraju Yadav honored Uppu Nukala Chandrakala with a BJP scarf.

On this occasion, as Pilli Ramaraju Yadav was traveling in a car with ward members, Congress leaders intercepted them, deflated the tires, and attempted to attack them. BJP leaders criticized the police for not intervening despite being present at the scene. Pilli Ramaraju alleged that the police were supporting the ruling party. Upon receiving the information, DSP Shivaram Reddy ordered the Kanagal Sub-Inspector to reach the spot and bring the situation under control. Subsequently, Uppu Nukala Chandrakala was elected as the Deputy Sarpanch. BJP state leaders, particularly Pilli Ramaraju Yadav, demanded strict action against Uppu Nukala Venkanna, the Congress Sarpanch candidate, for his involvement in the violence during the incident.

Life-Saving Training for Special Protection Force : Practical Training on CPR and First Aid

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda/Nagarjunasagar : A special training program to provide awareness on CPR and first aid was conducted on Friday for the personnel of the Special Protection Force, who play a crucial role in the security of the Nagarjuna Sagar Project and power generation plant. The program was held at the Kamala Nehru Area Hospital in Nagarjuna Sagar, under the supervision of the hospital superintendent, Dr. Harikrishna.



On this occasion, Dr. Rashmi practically explained to the Special Protection Force personnel when, how, and under what circumstances CPR should be performed. She clarified that lives can be saved if CPR is provided in a timely manner during emergencies such as heart attacks.

They were also given awareness on the precautions to be taken in case of snake and scorpion bites, and the procedures to follow during emergencies. Dr. Nagendra Babu explained how to provide first aid when needed. Mancha Naik, the counselor at the hospital's Integrated Counseling and Testing Center, conducted an awareness program on HIV and AIDS.

On this occasion, Special Protection Force RIs Srinivas Rao and Pratap Naidu stated that, as per the orders of their higher officials, they have provided training to their personnel on CPR and first aid through

experts. They said that having a thorough understanding of emergency treatments can save precious lives during an accident. Nagarjuna Sagar Project Circle Office Superintendent Durga Prasad, lab technicians Anjaiah, Veerababu, and Raju, SPF Sub-Inspector Venkateswarlu, ASIs Mahmood, K.R. Reddy, Ambu Chauhan, and Srinivas Rao, and Sagar Genco and dam security personnel participated in this program.

HELPING YOUR CHILD ENHANCE HIS SPECIAL TALENT

EVERYBODY HAS SOME TALENT. NOBODY IS AN EXPERT IN EVERYTHING, BUT EVERYBODY IS GOOD AT SOMETHING AND MAY IMPROVE THE GIFTS AND TALENTS THEY HAVE. YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICULARLY NEED TO DO WELL AT SOMETHING. SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE ARE LESS PROBABLE TO USE DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR SHOW OTHER NEGATIVE BEHAVIOURS OR FEEL MEANINGLESS. TALENT INCLUDES SOME OBVIOUS THINGS LIKE OBTAINING GOOD GRADES, GETTING MUSICAL SKILLS OR BECOME A FINE ATHLETE. HOWEVER BEING PERSISTENT, BEING A GOOD LISTENER, OR BEING PLEASANT IS ALSO TALENT. PARENTS, UNCLES, AUNTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND TEACHERS NEED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF TALENT SCOUTS AND OBSERVE LESS EVIDENT GIFTS AND HELP YOUTH TO SEE AND VALUE THEIR OWN CAPABILITIES.



Youth builds a real sense of self-esteem from things they provide rather than the things they receive. Help them to develop their talents and provide them with the opportunities of making a contribution to others' good using those talents and build self-esteem. It also sets the foundation of being an all-time contributor to the society.

Special talent is defined as the "outstanding ability to choose and achieve difficult goals as per one's interests, values, abilities, and contexts". It can help to explain these confusing phenomena. Persons with individual talents understand themselves well, take excellent decisions, as well as have the required skills to achieve their aims. They are flexible and self-disciplined persons who have extended higher levels of environment-specific individual talents that permit them to assess multiple, challenging, and competing goals.

Hence, how can parents assist their talented children in developing personal talent? During the school, talented youngsters start making choices which affect their lives. Therefore, if they develop their personal talent earlier, there are greater possibilities that their decisions will result in fulfilling and satisfying lives.

Self-knowledge has the awareness about one's abilities, values, and interests. Parents can assist children in developing self-knowledge through supporting them to try different activities and find out where their abilities, values, and interests lie.

At times, you see some talented youngsters and a few things which come naturally in them. The youth should learn the skills which they require to deal with supposed or actual conflicts which may happen between the subculture and culture of the bigger society. Younger people should have a stronger inner spirit

with positive beliefs, values, and confidence which affect their behaviours and decisions. These values consist of personal responsibilities for the interests of others as well as the commitment to respecting themselves. Parents may help by revealing stereotyping



in media, forming unconditioned options in their lives, valuing learning as the way of moving beyond the norms of local society, and encouraging self-sufficiency and self-direction. Parents have a very special role to play in the life of their child. We have to be part of the growth process and discovery of our child. Our role is to help our children understand and define their talents.

Give Space to Your Children's Talent to Grow: All the children are talented however at times; some talents go overlooked due to their hectic schedule of caregivers' or parents'. At times, children's talents are documented but a person that recognizes it does very little to look after it. Children's talents should be nurtured so that they can grow up

to have a hobby that they can enjoy. Children, whose talents are nurtured, grow up to be extraordinary and healthy beings. If you are a parent or caregiver of a young child who has talent is how you can nurture it. Focus and Take Interest: Once the children find something which they are good at, they will spend significant time at that and will wish to show everybody what they could do whatever that is. In case, your child comes to you when you are very busy, don't shout and give emphasis on how much the child is disrupting whatever you do. As an alternative, just ask your child to come again later so that you can listen to him or her in a better way. If you are unable to give your child full attention, then don't push yourself to sit down with your child as it can make your child feel as if he is interfering your

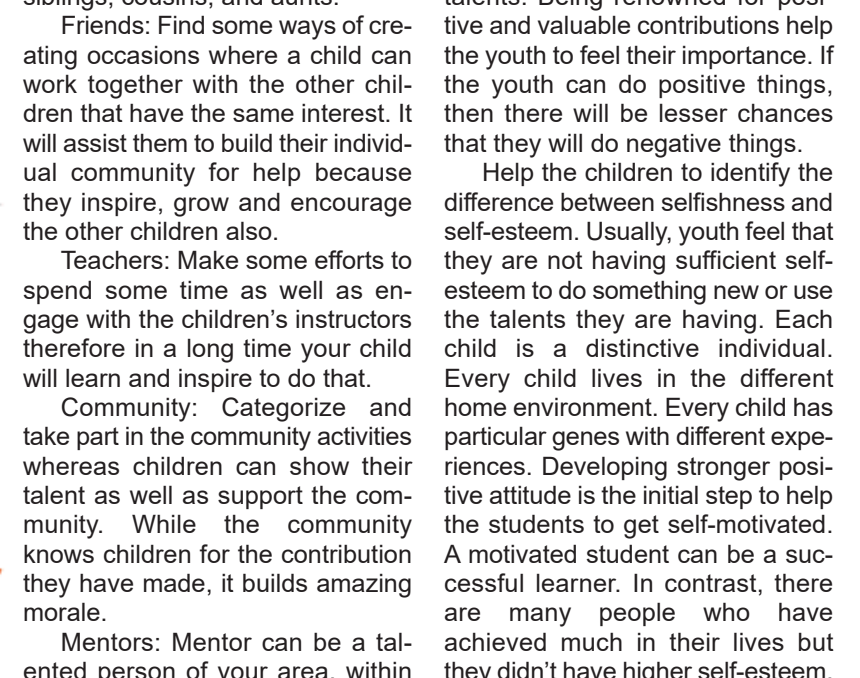
work and he may lose self-belief in his talent. Whatever talent your child has, give little time each week and provide the child with complete attention. Your attention makes your children realize that you care for them and wish them to be successful. Develop the Talent: Get some tools which can develop the child's talent. For example, for a child who is a brilliant painter, get some paint sets, if she knows everything about the rainforest animals or locomotives get her a comprehensive book on the subject. Another option is to take the child to the events which concentrate on the child's interest or talent. If he likes art then go to an exhibition with him. If she likes theatre, go with her to see some performances. Keep them engaged in the activities which will develop the

talent. Examine the Child to Develop the Talent: Ask your child questions regarding his special talent as well as inquire him to let you more for his talent. If you ask questions, the child will feel better. This could make a few children worried but numerous others will indulge in attention. This will help them feel positive about producing their talent when they observe that somebody wants to find out more about that. Register your child in the class which concerns about his talent. In case your child is having a special talent for cooking, enrol her in a child's cooking class. In case you are confident about where to get children's classes, explore the community centres. Few of the centres have programs for the children of diverse ages with decent pricing. Your other option is to do a basic search on Google to get classes within your area.

The Don'ts
 Do not force the child beyond limits (very hard). Lots of parents feel overwhelmed because of their child's talent and they make the mistake of forcing their child very hard. Any overworked child is just

not a pleased child. You wish that your child enjoys his talent and not fear it. It is fine to make your child work however it is not right to exhaust your child. For instance, don't assign your children with five classes per week. They have school as well as its homework and require time for their social life also. In case you observe that your children are not having good times, ask them about what they wish to do. While parents push very hard, their children don't have talents however expectations which they have to live up and it's not fun. **Develop Creativity** Five essential areas are there through which parents may develop creativity in the children: Family: It is perhaps the most significant area where children need encouragement. Being parents, we should communicate the requirement of support for the children right through the family that includes grandparents, uncles, siblings, cousins, and aunts. Friends: Find some ways of creating occasions where a child can work together with the other children that have the same interest. It will assist them to build their individual community for help because they inspire, grow and encourage the other children also. Teachers: Make some efforts to spend some time as well as engage with the children's instructors therefore in a long time your child will learn and inspire to do that. Community: Categorize and take part in the community activities whereas children can show their talent as well as support the community. While the community knows children for the contribution they have made, it builds amazing morale. Mentors: Mentor can be a talented person of your area, within

the field through which your children are interested, a family friend or neighbour which your children are looking for. Try and identify the mentors and ask for their assistance in developing your children's talents. **Tips to Discover Young Talents** Give them opportunities to follow their interests and find out their distinctive capabilities. Extra-curricular activities, lessons, clubs, planned youth activities, or field trips can offer opportunities which spark talents. Identify and congratulate them for their efforts. If they take part in any particular activities, they should be congratulated for their attempts because trying needs courage. Avoid comparing you with other people who have different talents. Respect the exclusive talent of every child. Identify lesser evident gifts like being nice with the animals or feel sensitive with feelings of other people. Provide them opportunities for making some contribution with their talents. Being renowned for positive and valuable contributions help the youth to feel their importance. If the youth can do positive things, then there will be lesser chances that they will do negative things. Help the children to identify the difference between selfishness and self-esteem. Usually, youth feel that they are not having sufficient self-esteem to do something new or use the talents they are having. Each child is a distinctive individual. Every child lives in the different home environment. Every child has particular genes with different experiences. Developing stronger positive attitude is the initial step to help the students to get self-motivated. A motivated student can be a successful learner. In contrast, there are many people who have achieved much in their lives but they didn't have higher self-esteem.





Minister Azharuddin and Christian minority leaders met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Minister Azharuddin and Christian minority leaders have invited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to the Christmas celebrations being organized at the LB Stadium under the auspices of the state government.



Medical Camp Organized for the Health Protection of Sanitation Workers : Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham

(Capital Information)

Nakrekal : Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham stated that the medical camp was organized for the health protection of sanitation workers. He participated in the medical camp program held at the Nakrekal Municipality office on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the workers should take care of their health. He praised the invaluable services of the workers in sanitation management, commending them for performing their duties with dedication and keeping the town clean.

The program was attended by Municipality Chairperson Chevugoni Rajitha-Srinivas, PACS Chairman Nagulavancha Venkateswarlu, the Municipality Commissioner, local councilors, leaders, and others.

Maoist disillusionment driving cadres back to mainstream: DGP Shivadhar Reddy

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : The CPI (Maoist) party has been experiencing a sharp decline in organisational cohesion and operational capability due to continuous security operations disrupting their networks and logistics leading to shrinking support bases and reduced mobility.

This apart, the deepening ideological dissatisfaction among cadres, intensifying internal conflicts, mistrust and leadership fragmentation have been plaguing the underground rebel party. Police authorities say these factors have compelled many cadres and key functionaries to reconsider their association with armed struggle and opt for surrender to pursue a peaceful and dignified life. Telangana tourism guide

DGP B Shivadhar Reddy said on Friday that the Maoist party leadership has been arbitrarily deploying cadres to unfamiliar and distant areas without their consent, often to regions where they lack basic geographical knowledge and local support. This has resulted in serious mobility constraints and acute logistical difficulties, including shortages of essential daily



necessities.

"Such conditions have caused growing frustration and hardship among the cadres, compelling many to disengage from the organisation and choose to return to the mainstream in society," he said at a press conference where 41 Maoist cadres surrendered before him.

Apart from this, the sustained pressure from security forces and non-cooperation and dilution of their logistic networks has resulted in restricted mobility and operational setbacks. Ideological

divergence and disillusionment have risen from the growing gap between leadership and ground realities. Hyderabad city guide

Internal rifts, factionalism, and leadership disputes within the party, harsh living conditions, deteriorating health and prolonged separation from families coupled with weakening ideological relevance, are also contributing factors.

The DGP reiterated that the decision of the cadres to surrender reflected a positive, conscious, and pragmatic response to the State

government's appeal and a clear rejection of the path of extremism.

"The cadres have chosen to prioritise their health, family life, and personal dignity and to lead a peaceful, law-abiding life through rehabilitation and reintegration," he said.

On the other hand, the party leadership has recently instructed its underground cadres to move out of Chhatargarh and disperse to other areas until 31 March 2026, the deadline set by the Government of India for eliminating the CPI (Maoist) problem.

The leadership has conveyed to the cadres that security operations will be scaled down after this date and they will be able to resume their underground activities thereafter. This assurance, however, police said was misleading and amounts to a false promise.

In 2025 alone, a total of 509 underground CPI (Maoist) cadres, including 2 Central Committee Members (CCMs), 11 State Committee Members (SCMs), 3 Divisional Committee Secretaries (DVCS), 17 DVCS/CyPCMs, and 57 ACMs/PPCMs have surrendered before the Telangana Police.

As of date, 54 underground CPI (Maoist) cadres are natives of Telangana. Notably, 5 out of the 7 Central Committee Members are natives of the State, highlighting the significance of Telangana in the organisation's leadership structure.

The Telangana Police appealed to CPI (Maoist) cadres, particularly those belonging to the State, to surrender their weapons and join the mainstream to lead a dignified life with the support of its surrender and rehabilitation policy.

India and Netherlands Establish Joint Trade and Investment Committee to Strengthen Bilateral Economic Cooperation

New Delhi (PIB) : India and the Netherlands today announced the establishment of the India-Netherlands Joint Trade and Investment Committee (JTIC) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking an important milestone in further strengthening bilateral trade, investment, and economic cooperation between the two countries. The MoU, signed between Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of Republic of India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Nether-

lands, was formally announced today on the occasion of the visit of the Dutch Foreign Minister H.E. David van Weel to India and his bilateral meeting with the Union Minister of External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar.

The MoU provides for establishment of the JTIC, a formal institutional framework for regular dialogue and co-operation on trade and investment matters. The JTIC will serve as a dedicated mechanism to review bilateral trade relations, promote

two-way investments, address investment and trade barriers, and explore collaboration in sectors of mutual interest

Under the MoU, the JTIC will meet annually, alternately in India and the Netherlands, ensuring continuity and sustained engagement at the institutional level. The JTIC will be co-chaired by Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India and the Director General (Foreign Economic Relations), Ministry of

Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Netherlands and would comprise delegations of both sides consisting of government officials and other members as designated. The objectives of the JTIC are to:

Contribute to identification and elimination of trade and investment barriers;

Contribute to identification of trade and investment facilitation measures, including in the focus areas of cooperation;

Promote interaction between various Chambers of

Commerce and Industry between the two countries; especially in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME); and

Explore enhancement of cooperation in sectors of mutual interest including organizing consultations between the private sector and the governments, where required, for enhancing bilateral trade and investment flows including exchange of technical knowhow and transfer of technological innovation especially in the small and micro sector.

Hyderabad's biggest curated 3 day art show – hyd.art 2025, inaugurated by Sekhar Kammula!

- Showcasing Indian Masters, featuring iconic works by M.F. Husain and S.H. Raza
- A highlight of the event is 'Keerthanam - A Tribute to Telugu Legends'

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : The largest curated art showcase in Hyderabad - hyd.art 2025; was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Sekhar Kammula, Film Director; today at EON Hyderabad. By Navanaami, Nanakramguda. Running until December 21, 2025, hyd.art 2025, unfolds as a vibrant three-day celebration of art and culture, bringing together a richly curated spectrum of creativity and expression under one roof. The exhibition was graced by Guest of Honour Dr. Preethi Reddy, Vice Chairman, Malla Reddy

blend of masterworks, contemporary art, emerging talent, folk traditions, curated galleries, workshops, and conversations.

Curated by Annapurna Madipadiga in collaboration with Hasan, and presented by the Navanaami Group at its landmark property, EON Hyderabad, hyd.art 2025, builds a rich, multi-dimensional narrative of Indian art by placing historic, contemporary, and experimental expressions side by side. A dedicated Masters of India gallery showcases rare and significant works by modern legends



Speaking on the occasion Sekhar Kammula said, I sincerely appreciate the organisers for putting together this wonderful exhibition. I have always felt that Hyderabad needed an initiative like this. While art exhibitions traditionally thrive in cities such as Delhi and Mumbai, where art connoisseurs actively nurture and celebrate them. Hyderabad has long felt the absence of such a vibrant art culture. As the city continues to evolve into a truly cosmopolitan hub, the emergence of platforms like hyd.art is both timely and essential. Art is often a true benchmark of a society's evolution and progress, and hyd.art beautifully bridges this long-felt gap. The quality of the collection on display is impressive, and I strongly encourage people to visit, experience, and support this exhibition.

Dr. Preethi Reddy said, When art happens, it often ar-

rives without boundaries, you never know where it comes from. It needs no formal qualification; it simply asks for creativity and expression. Spending time at this exhibition has truly been a memorable experience. My heartfelt appreciation to Annapurna for bringing the unique hyd.art exhibition to Hyderabad. This is an initiative that deserves to continue year after year. The exhibition is exquisitely curated, showcasing some exceptional works, and represents a rare and beautiful confluence of art and architecture. Equally impressive is the latest premium project Megaleio by the Navanaami Group, truly one of its kind. Offering breathtaking views of the entire city of Hyderabad, along with Himayatsagar and Osmansagar lakes, it sets a new benchmark. Few, if any, contemporary apartment projects can match the combination of panoramic vistas and

the sense of privacy it offers.

Annapurna Madipadiga said, Hyderabad finally has its signature art festival. hyd.art 2025, brings together over 200 artists, showcasing celebrated masters alongside 35 of the city's finest talents, while offering national and international exposure. The festival honours legendary Telugu artists through Keerthanam, preserves heritage with documentaries on lost art forms, and features workshops, interactive art sessions, panel discussions, from folk art to art as an investment and curated presentations. A special highlight is the release of a book of 150 Mahatma Gandhi drawings by renowned cartoonist Shankar Pamarthy. Spanning three immersive days, hyd.art 2025, offers inspiration, learning, and a powerful celebration of Hyderabad's vibrant art scene. Art needs patronage to flourish, and we sincerely

thank the Navanaami Group for coming forward as co-sponsors and lending their wholehearted support to this artistic journey.

Speaking on the occasion Hasan said, Hyderabad has long felt the absence of high-quality art shows on par with those in Mumbai, Delhi, and Bangalore, platforms that nurture the local artist ecosystem, offer exposure beyond the city, and bring some of India's finest artworks under one roof. hyd.art 2025, bridges this gap by delivering a world-class art experience to Hyderabad, while proudly

legacy, a city where architecture, enterprise, and art come together to inspire creativity and expression.

R. Naveen Kumar said, when art and design converge, they enrich a city's cultural fabric, an idea that inspires our association with hyd.art 2025. This same spirit of creativity and craftsmanship defines our upcoming ultra-luxury Megaleio project.

Over three days, visitors engage in curated panel discussions, presentations, and workshops, including Rao Bahadur M.V. Dhurandhar: The Artist and His Art by art histo-



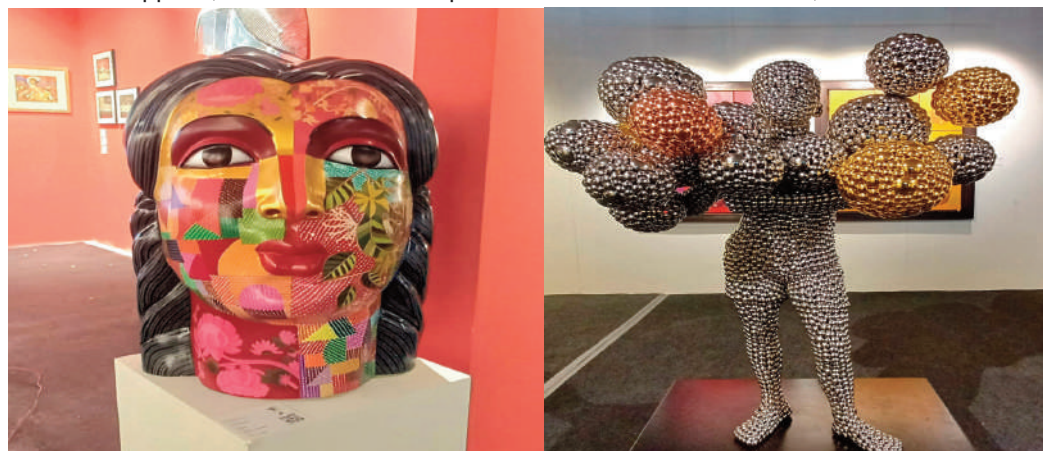
Health City and Vidhyapeeth.

The team behind hyd.art, Annapurna Madipadiga, a renowned Curator and Show Director at hyd.art; Hasan, Founder, hyd.art; Venkat Naveen Gadde, Founder & MD, Navanaami Projects Pvt. Ltd.; Krishna Kanth Kotagiri, Director, Navanaami Projects Pvt. Ltd.; R. Naveen Kumar, CMO & Business Head, Navanaami Projects Pvt. Ltd.; were present on the occasion.

Featuring over 200 artists, galleries, and artworks from Hyderabad and across India, the Show presents a rich

such as M.F. Husain and S.H. Raza, alongside 30 leading contemporary artists from Hyderabad and 30 emerging artists from across the country.

A key highlight is Keerthanam – A Tribute to Telugu Legends, an exclusive showcase honouring the works of revered yesteryear Telugu artists. Another stand-out feature is a vibrant curation of three generations of Mithila artists, tracing the lineage, evolution, and contemporary expressions of this celebrated art form.



showcasing and elevating local talent. The remarkable success of this art show is owed in large measure to the unwavering support of the Navanaami Group.

Venkat Naveen Gadde said, at Navanaami, we believe in nurturing art, culture, and the artists who bring them to life. Partnering with hyd.art 2025, was a natural choice for us. We believe great cities are shaped as much by imagination as by infrastructure. Our support for hyd.art 2025, reflects our commitment to enriching Hyderabad's cultural

rarian Sandeep Dahisarkar; Acquiring a Master, with insights from gallerists, collectors, and art historians; Rooted Movements by A. Shree Tej of Studio Samayam; and Daivatvam – Three Generations of Mithila Art, featuring leading artists and conservationists. The programme also includes sessions on myth and folktales visual storytelling, Mithila painting workshops, a gouache cityscape workshop, and an artist demonstration by Chandrapal on fabric and mixed media, along with woodcut printmaking workshops.



Akhanda 2's occupancy slows down even further

Akhanda 2 has witnessed a major slowdown during the weekdays, with theatre occupancy reportedly falling below the 50 percent mark. After opening to decent numbers and enjoying a strong initial run, the film has struggled to maintain momentum as the days passed. Trade analysts note that the drop has been sharp, especially in urban centres. The situation is expected to get tougher with big releases like Avatar 3 hitting theatres today. While the film started well, it failed to sustain the same level of interest in the later days. The coming week will be crucial in deciding its overall box office fate.

Anil Ravipudi Hints What To Expect In #MegaMSG Theatres

The coming together of Megastar Chiranjeevi and 'hit machine' director Anil Ravipudi has set the bells rolling for a long time. Their first-ever outing, Mana Shankara Varaprasad Garu, is set to hit cinemas on January 12th, on the eve of Sankranti in the Telugu states.

Other day, the makers of the film released a special Behind-The-Scenes video of the film, announcing that the trailer will come shortly. This video is, in fact, clearly hinting that it has Chiru's vintage comedy timing and expressive histrionics, elements that have been largely missing in his recent outings.

If the film #MegaMSG showcases Megastar Chiranjeevi in a role that is filled with humour, warmth, and emotional depth, something his fans have been eagerly waiting to see, surely the film



might hit the ball out of the park. The BTS footage suggests that his scenes with both Nayantara and Catherina Tresa are going to be a laughter ride.

Director Anil Ravipudi, known for his strong grip on family entertainers, has also confirmed that the film's story is deeply rooted in relationships, values, and emotions. He emphasized that the narrative is designed to appeal to family audiences, with a strong emotional core balanced by clean comedy that would make the audience jump out of their seats.



Ram Charan hails Champion as Lagaan with loads of action

The theatrical trailer for young stars Roshan Meka and Anaswara Rajan's soon-to-release period action romantic drama, Champion, was unveiled by Tollywood star Ram Charan at a grand event on Thursday evening. Speaking at the event, Ram Charan drew parallels between Champion and the iconic Oscar-nominated period sports drama, Lagaan.

"Champion is Lagaan with loads of action," said the Peddi star, giving movie lovers a hint of the high-voltage and adrenaline-filled sports and action drama that awaits them in Champion. Ram Charan also lauded Roshan, saying that he looks like a Hollywood star.

The Mega Power Star went on to reminisce about his association with Champion's producer Ashwini Dutt, who also produced his debut film Chirutha, NTR's debut film Student No. 1, Mahesh Babu's first film Rajakumarudu, and Allu Arjun's launchpad film, Gangotri.

Champion marks popular yesteryear actor Nandamuri Kalyan Chakravarthy's comeback. The film is directed by Pradeep Advaitam and produced by Priyanka Dutt under her father Ashwini Dutt's supervision. Mickey J Meyer is the film's music composer.

Adivi Sesh's Dacoit teaser clocks a huge record in 24 hours

Adivi Sesh starrer Dacoit is one of the most anticipated films in recent times. The actor has been delivering cult hits and been a symbol of trust for great content with different themes. Post Major, he took his own time to lock Dacoit script and from past one and half year, he had been shooting the film as a bilingual.

His hardwork to bring a love-hate action romance is yielding rich dividends. The Telugu teaser of the film is a smashing trending hit and it clocked in 16 Million+ views in 24 hours. This is the highest for any Adivi Sesh film and it showcases the kind of anticipation that the film



Dacoit visuals, production values have been built among audiences.

come a huge talking point all over. Adivi Sesh's commitment to the character, new look and his Rayalaseema dialect dialogue delivery are being appreciated all over. The response for the teaser makes it evident that the people are eager to watch the movie in theatres.

Kanne Pitta ro Kannu Kottaro remix has been a huge hit among audiences. Mrunal Thakur and Anurag Kashyap performances are also being talked about all over. Shaneil Deo is directing it the film produced by Supriya Yarlagadda and Suniel Narang with Annappurna Studios presenting it. Movie is releasing on 19th March 2026.

BMW Teaser: Ravi Teja Delivers a laughter riot

Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja has been concentrating on mass action entertainers over time and now, he is back with a thorough entertainer, Bharta Mahasayulaku Wignapthy. The movie glimpse and songs have already created huge buzz for this Kishore Tirumala directorial. Now, the makers have unveiled teaser, today.

We see Ravi Teja unveiling his trademark comic style in this film as a husband who has an extra-marital affair. His timing brings back Venky, Dubai Sreenu style of the actor, which we have been missing over the years. His dialogues, expressions and body lan-



language bring back the goated sense of humor in

him back in style. Kishore Tirumala crafts a very fresh characterisation to Ravi Teja and presents him in a character that leaves audiences entertained. With Sunil, his combination is so loveable that when you see them in action, automatically, we start chuckling and makers used them brilliantly in this teaser.

Ashika Ranganath and Dimple Hayathi are playing leading lady roles in this film. Sudhakar Cherukuri is producing the film on a lavish scale. The teaser cut increases intrigue about the film and raises excitement to witness this Sankranti family entertainer in theatres.



Collective Effort of All Sections Essential to Realise Viksit Bharat by 2047: Vice-President

New Delhi :Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, hosted a Christmas Luncheon at the Vice-President's Enclave today, ahead of Christmas, and extended warm greetings of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

The Vice-President said that Christmas conveys a timeless message of love, hope and charity. He urged that the spirit of Christmas be carried beyond the season and reflected in everyday life.

The Vice-President commended and appreciated the invaluable contributions of the Christian community to nation-building, particularly in the fields of education, healthcare, and the upliftment of tribal communities and the underprivileged.

The Vice-President urged the Christian community to continue their valuable contributions to nation-building. Referring to the vision of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, he said that achieving the goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047 would require collective effort from all sections of society. He further underscored the importance of protecting the environment and encouraged the adoption of Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) to combat climate change and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The celebration was attended by the Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose; Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Harivansh; Union Ministers of State, George Kurian and Suresh Gopi; Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Pastors, Reverend Fathers and Sisters, and senior representatives from various church administrations across India, along with other distinguished guests.

District-level Senior Netball Selections Concluded : Nalgonda district players selected for state competitions

(Capital Information) Nalgonda/Nagarjunasagar : The district-level senior netball selections were successfully concluded on Friday at DAV High School in Nagarjuna Sagar Pylon Colony. The selections were conducted under the auspices of the combined Nalgonda District Netball Association, and DAV High School Principal J. Pawan Kumar attended the event as the chief guest.

On this occasion, he stated that sports promote physical fitness as well as discipline and leadership qualities. He advised students to excel in sports along with their studies.

The General Secretary of the combined Nalgonda



district said that the selected players will participate in the state-level netball competitions to be held on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of this month in Kesamudram, Mahabubabad district. He expressed his hope that the Nalgonda district team would perform well in these competitions

and secure first place at the state level.

National-level senior players Anurag Naik, Atiq Prem Kumar, Ramu Sai, and Samyut Naidu were present to supervise the selection process. DAV School PET Sai Kumar congratulated the selected players.

Gurukul Students in National Football Games Another Sporting Achievement for BC Gurukul Degree College

(Capital Information) Nalgonda/Nagarjunasagar : On Friday, Sai Ganesh and Akhil, students from Nagarjuna Sagar BC Gurukul Degree College, were selected in the national-level football selections held at Mahatma Gandhi University.

Through these selections, they will represent Telangana state in the national team, which will be held soon in Gachibowli, Hyderabad. The details of the competition dates are yet to be announced.

The college faculty stated that it is remarkable that students from a rural area have been selected at the national level, and this will inspire the youth. They opined that the encouragement provided by the college to excel in sports along with academics is the reason for this success.

On this occasion, the college management, faculty, and students congratulated Sai Ganesh and Akhil and wished them to perform exceptionally well at the national level and bring good name to the Gurukul college.



Action Plan to Be Prepared for Disaster Management Mock Exercise : Collector

(Capital Information) Khammam Bureau : District Collector Anudeep Durishetty has directed officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan for conducting a disaster management mock exercise to effectively handle situations such as floods and industrial accidents.

An awareness programme was organised on Friday through a video conference by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in coordination with the State Government. The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and attended by district collectors and senior officials. From Khammam Collectorate, District Collector Anudeep Durishetty, Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy, and Khammam Municipal Commis-



sioner Abhishek Agasthya participated.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao said that sudden heavy rainfall within a short span due to changing climatic conditions is leading to frequent floods and related problems. He emphasised the need for advance preparedness and systematic planning for effective relief

and rehabilitation during floods. He also instructed officials to formulate Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for responding to industrial and road accidents and to ensure that disaster management systems are in place in every industrial unit.

Later, District Collector Anudeep Durishetty said that, keeping in view the guidelines of the NDMA and



past experiences, an action plan should be drawn up to conduct mock exercises on the response of the official machinery during floods and major industrial accidents. He stressed the importance of coordinated efforts among departments to safeguard life and property.

The meeting was attended by DROA. Padmasri, ZP CEO Deeksha Raina, DRDO Sanyasaiah, R&B SE Jacobu, DMHO Dr. D. Ramarao, Irrigation SE Venkateswarlu, District Civil Supplies Officer Chandan Kumar, RTC/Transport officials, Municipal and Police officials, Fire Services, Industries, Electricity Department officers, Khammam RDO Narasimha Rao, Tahsildars Ramprasad and Saidulu, and other concerned officials.